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CHIANG'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN AIR COMBAT

Shanghai, 1.55 p.m. To-day.

A sensational story has come through Nanking giving vivid details of a miraculous escape which the Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek had when his plane left for Nanchang yesterday.

When his machine took the air, it is stated, the Generalissimo was accompanied by a squadron of nine pursuit planes.

Japanese machines who were moving up to bomb Nanking immediately attacked the Chinese machines, but they were fought off in a terrific dog-fight, in which five machines, including three Chinese, were shot down.

WELL PROTECTED

In the course of the diversion created by the air combat, General Chiang Kai-shek's fast plane got through unchallenged. It is stated that the Japanese were unaware of the occupant of the plane.

It is learned that the Generalissimo is now in Nanchang to carry out certain work in connection with the air depot there and will after a few days proceed to Hankow to consult with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Dr. H. H. Kung and other leaders in Hankow. Stories of his impending resignation are ridiculed in well-informed Chinese quarters.—Our Own Correspondent.

NO TIME SIGNAL TO-MORROW

Owing to the black-out to-morrow evening, the Observatory will not flash the time signal at 9 p.m. from the signal mast.

SIX JAPANESE BRIGADES IN NEW ATTACKS

Hankow, 2.15 p.m., To-day.

Dependable foreign sources, telephoning from

Nanking at noon to-day, state that the situation in the immediate vicinity of Nanking is not so grave as had hitherto been reported.

The Japanese forces, consisting of about six brigades in the front line, are now engaged in severe fighting in the vicinity of Chungshanling and Kaochiamen, and have not yet approached at any point within 2,000 metres of the walls of Nanking.

The military command seems to have the situation well in control and organisation for a long determined defence is rapidly reaching completion.

In the hills round the capital, the Chinese and Japanese artillery are exchanging artillery fire, and the heavy roar of the guns is almost continuous.

The Chinese did not reply to the Japanese ultimatum, but launched attacks on Chungshanling before dawn to-day, since when fighting has been rapidly intensifying.

HUGE CONFLAGRATION

As the result of the order to destroy buildings causing obstruction between the walls of Nanking and the Japanese front lines, nearly ten square miles of property is blazing furiously.

The Nanking commander-in-chief this morning issued a warning to all foreigners and non-combatants to leave the city, stating that the National Government could not be responsible for guaranteeing their safety in the crisis now facing the capital. The troops had orders to defend the capital to the last.

NOT MATTER OF HOURS

It is confirmed that in and around Nanking more than 300,000 Chinese troops have been assembled and it is becoming more and more evident that the capture is not to be the matter of hours indicated by earlier reports.

Japanese bombers have been heavily raiding the city and Pukow is still burning at scores of points.

Incendiary bombs have been poured upon both Nanking and Pukow.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUMOURS OF PEACE PARTY EMERGENCE IN CHINA CONTROL

Tokyo, To-day.

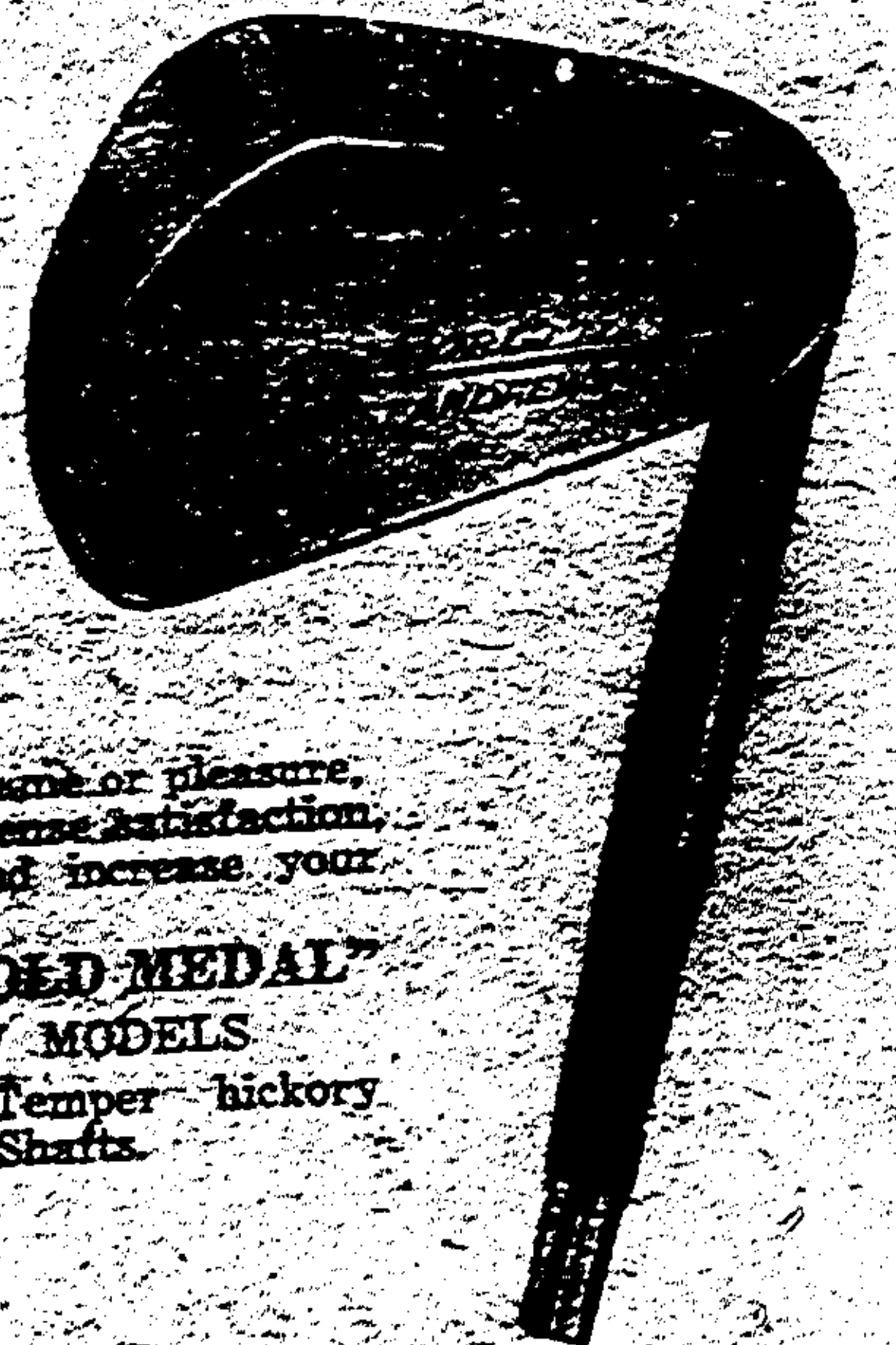
Based on the German Ambassador's forty-minute interview with the Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday afternoon, and the fact that Germany has kept the Japanese Government fully informed of Dr. Oscar Trautmann's mediatory efforts in Nanking, the Japanese press to-day splashes rumours that the Chinese Government is about to sue for peace and declaring that the Cabinet yesterday evening discussed peace terms.

The Japanese press furiously debates whether General Chiang Kai-shek will negotiate or will be overthrown, giving way to a regime more acceptable to Japan.

Japanese forces concentrating before Nanking, who are bringing up siege guns, are marking time, apparently in expectation of a change (Continued on Page 24)

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It is the privilege and responsibility of the psychologist to be told things—of fascinating interest—that few, even doctors and priests, ever hear.

Here are two unusually fascinating letters from my postbag. Both touch on the same topic from an interestingly different angle.

The first from a girl of twenty-three:

"When Bob first took me home, I was immediately fascinated by his widowed father. Now that I am engaged to Bob, this fascination has grown until it has become uncontrollable.

"Bob and his dad are alike, in many ways—but there are differences, big differences.

"Bob is impetuous, adventurous, but his madcap schemes make me love him savagely.

"There is something serenely dignified and wise about Bob's father.

"My love for Bob is like a flame, leaping up fiercely one moment and then sinking almost into nothingness. My love for his father glows warm and steady, like a hot coal.

"I think my love for Bob is greater at the moment than my love for his father. But, somehow I feel it could never be so lasting or so beautiful.

"These are the only two men in my life. Neither has the faintest idea that it is a matter of choice. But choose I must!

"How shall I choose?"

Here's a letter from a man of twenty-five:

"I have fallen in love with my aunt... my father's sister. It sounds terrible, I know. But it just is so. And I know she feels the same way about me.

"She is twenty years older, but looks far younger than her age and is a very attractive woman.

"I have an awful feeling that, in

loving my aunt I am wrong, unclean, wicked. I know that the thought is torturing her too.

"Are we both disgusting creatures or just the tragic victims of circumstances?"

Well...

From time to time, you read of a much older man marrying a young girl—or vice versa.

Few things infuriate me more than the barrage of persecution to which these unhappy people are submitted.

Sex-repressed sadists from all over the country swoop down on them, like vultures after carrion.

Letters! Threats! Obscene abuse! Boos and brickbats to greet the newly-wedded lovers!

Who are we to judge whether these two people are in love? Whether they can give each other happiness?

And so far as I can see, the only criterion of love is the ability to give each other happiness, and to keep on doing it, without prejudicing the happiness of others—children, for instance.

I can quite well remember an evening that made me reconsider a lot of my views.

It was when I visited a brilliant young man in his home. He was a handsome broad-shouldered 6ft. Adonis, not more than thirty.

His wife was the shock. A fat, flabby, short, slovenly matron—at

BY HENRY HARRIS

least fifty. I began to think of the curious "complexes" that make people marry someone much older.

Only after a long and happy and memorable evening did I realise that here was something rare and unusual—a perfect marriage.

Underneath her fat, slovenly flabbiness was a flaming intelligence, a mellow wisdom, great kindness, indomitable energy.

When she married him, five years ago, he was one of life's drifters—not knowing what to do, what to make of himself. She herself was as poor as he.

She had used her gifts to map out his career and us his talents. He owed his success and his career as well as his happiness—to her. It was not merely gratitude he felt—it was love.

They were ridiculously happy. It seemed ludicrous, but it was true. Now that is an actual case.

Perhaps, in a sense, they were both neurotic. But who of us is normal in all things?

At any rate, their lives happened to fit in.

Separate they might have been neurotic—together they were happy.

Unless you think it is possible to be neurotic and happy at the same time.

Naturally such cases are not common.

But who are we to decide—without knowing more than the ages of two lovers—whether their marriage will bring happiness to those who seek it?

Only the foolish judge without adequate knowledge of the facts and circumstances.

And only those who are cruel as well as foolish will persecute those they have not taken the trouble to understand.

At the same time...

There is a normal and passing phase with boys and girls when they fall in love with someone much older.

Most of us have undergone that phase and passed through it. I know that certainly have.

The normal, adolescent girl between fifteen and eighteen develops a strong interest in her father—if he is a good father—about that age.

Then, when she first falls in love, it is often with an older man—a remnant of her love and affection for her father.

Later she gradually finds her own age level.

Some find it much later than others. Some never find it at all. They get emotionally stuck there.

It is probably a fault in development, a failure to grow up.

None the less, it has led to happy marriages.

And it is possible—indeed it actually happens—for people to find love for the first time as they grow older.

Lucky for them. Some never find it at all.

They are not unappreciative—and they can give a lot. A deep love makes people adequate at any age—both physically and mentally.

It is the only true rejuvenator.

Nevertheless...

In answer to both my correspondents I would say this:

Give Time a chance.

Probably this love is a remnant of the love of the adolescent girl for the father she adores—of the adolescent boy for his mother.

Love, of course, can never be wrong—but marriage may be unwise or indiscreet.

The odds are that time will dissolve the infatuation and leave a wholesome and lasting respect and affection.

Which is all to the good.

CLEVER IDEAS

Removing Varnish: To remove varnish rub with methylated spirit. If this fails, rub with turpentine and, while still damp, remove varnish with a safety razor blade.

To Re-Thread Beads: You can quite easily re-thread beads at home. Take a piece of thread, not too short, stiffen with ordinary toilet soap so that the re-threading is made easier, and the thread itself lasts longer. Now rub the end of the thread between your fingers to make a pointed end, and the thread will pass easily through the beads.

Breaking in New Shoes: If you want to avoid having new shoes blister your feet, put a strip of sticking plaster on the skin of each heel just where the shoe hurts. Use a fresh piece each day until your shoes are quite easy.

Tip For Cakes: When making a cake, line the bottom of the tin with bran underneath the paper lining. This prevents the cake from burning, and adds to the flavour of the cake.

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p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
9.03 p.m.—Studio—Trio: Prue Lewis (Violin), Ethel Pellegatti (Cello) & Lindsay Lafford (Piano).
9.33 p.m.—Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).
Edward (Corder & Loewe).
The Midnight Review (Glinka).
Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Wald & Knight).
9.45 p.m.—London—Relay—World Affairs. A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
9.55 p.m.—Studio—Series of talks 'Amateur Experts': R. E. Lindsell on 'Bridge'.
10 p.m.—Variety.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
10.50 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts. 'H.M.S. Pinafore'—Selection.
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10.15 p.m.—London Relay—The Coventry Hindemith Orchestra. Conductor, William Pethers. From the Hippodrome Theatre, Coventry.
11 p.m.—Close down.

8.30 a.m.—'Entertainment' at St. George's—1867-1937. The story of a London Hall of Entertainment through seventy years.
9.35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Oxford v. Cambridge: A running commentary by H. B. T. Wakeham on the Inter-University Rugby Union football match. From Twickenham.
10.10 a.m.—'Humming Harmonies' by Jack Curtis and John Hotchkiss at two pianos.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

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11.10 a.m.—Musical Interlude.
11.15 a.m.—The Cheshire Cheese. The story of the famous old tavern in Fleet Street, London.
11.45 a.m.—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
12.15 p.m.—The Song Reporter.
12.30 p.m.—The Vagabond Lover.
12.45 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
1 p.m.—The West Calder Brass Band.
1.30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

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Frequencies—

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BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Danger Of Defensive Bidding

The great danger in bidding defensively on good distribution without regard to honour tricks is that one's partner may be trapped into making a premature or otherwise disastrous penalty double if the opponents become the final bidders. Thus, the philosophy, "O well, I can't get hurt bidding two so-and-so with such a long suit," is an extremely short-sighted one because every bid has repercussions later on in the bidding, or even in the play of the hand. East, in the hand below, made an expensive defensive bid, even though he was not penalised in the usual fashion.

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S—J 7 6 3

H—A K J 10 5 2

D—Q 6

C—7

WEST

S—K Q 9 2

H—9 7 4

D—None

C—J 9 8 6 3 2

EAST

S—None

H—Q 8 6 3

D—K J 9 7 4 3 2

C—K 5

SOUTH

S—A 10 8 5 4

H—None

D—A 10 8 5

C—A Q 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	2 hearts	3 diam.
Double	Pass	3 spades	Pass
4 spades	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	Pass	Pass

When North took out South's double of three diamonds to three spades, South thought longingly of a slam and was deterred only by the fact that he was void of partner's heart suit and that his own trump suit was too broken for a slam effort. Having been considering a bid for twelve tricks, however, he naturally was astonished to hear West come in with a penalty double at the four level. He figuratively licked his chops as he redoubled.

West cannot be greatly blamed for having fallen into the trap. His partner, even though not vulnerable had shown definite strength by entering the bidding at the three level and West, with two sure

trump tricks and a chance for three, had every reason to feel that at least no overtricks could be made against him. As the popular saying goes, "He found out different."

Not having a diamond, and seeing no advantage in leading through dummy's advertised heart suit West opened his fourth highest club. The king lost to South's ace and, as an investigative measure, declarer sent a small trump toward dummy. West played the deuce and declarer, who could not take the penalty double as evidence of the holding of the trump nine, put up dummy's jack, learning the situation when East threw off a diamond. The ace and king of hearts were cashed, declarer discarding two diamonds, and a third round was ruffed. The queen of clubs now permitted the discarding of dummy's long diamond, and a low club was ruffed. The jack of hearts was the next play, and East's queen was ruffed away with the eight of trump. Now West could overruff or not, as he chose. The situation was as follows:

NORTH

S—7 6

H—10 6

D—Q

C—None

WEST

S—K Q 9

H—None

D—None

C—J 9 8

EAST

S—None

H—None

D—K J 9 7 4

C—None

SOUTH

S—A 10

H—None

D—A 10

C—10

Had West failed to overruff at this point, declarer merely would have ruffed his last club and discarded his ten of diamonds on the ten of hearts. West would ruff this with the nine, but regardless of his return, could make only one more trick.

As it happened, West chose to overruff the eight of hearts with the nine, then returned the king of trump. But this defense also was easily countered. Declarer won with the ace of trumps and ruffed his last club, then discarded his ten of diamonds on dummy's good

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

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3.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'World Affairs'. A talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

BERLIN BROADCAST

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra.
3 p.m.—Music Hall.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—'Matters of Moment'. A talk by the Hon. Harold Nicolson, G.M.G., M.P.
4.35 p.m.—Recital of Classical Songs.
5 p.m.—Close down.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—'Go West Young Man', with Mae West, Warren William, Randolph Scott and Alice Brady. The hilarious story of a touring movie star who falls for a shy young country lad.

AT THE MAJESTIC—'Let's Fall In Love', with Edmund Lowe and Ann Oherm. This production is one musical production which does not drag in its

tuneless numbers with no consideration for story values. The picture has only three or four song numbers, for each one fits logically into the action.

AT THE KING'S—'Topper', with Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen pecked husband who finds himself as the result of a dreadful nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

AT THE STAR—'Exclusive', with Fred MacMurray, Frances Farmer and Charlie Ruggles. With the battle between two rival newspapers as its background, the story concerns the sacrifice a father is forced to make when he must choose between the strict adherence of the newspaper code or the production which does not drag in its



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ASKS
FOR SUPPORT ARTILLERY
BOMBARDMENT**

Shanghai, To-day.

Su Hsi-wen, "Mayor" of the
Pootung administration, has
circularised Chinese public or-
ganisations asking for co-
operation.The letter points out that
since withdrawal of the Ku-
mintang troops, everything has
been at a standstill, and states
that "at the request of various
circles," he has assumed the
post and desires to restore
normal conditions.Feature of the letter is use
of the old Chinese calendar
which was abolished by the
Central Government.—Reuter.

Madrid, To-day.

The centre of Madrid, and es-
pecially the western section, suffer-
ed heavily yesterday when Nation-
alist batteries hurled a rain of
shells into the district.Meanwhile, heavy fighting is re-
ported from other fronts, with the
Nationalists launching attacks on
the Granada front.On the Aragon front, infantry
clashed several times, while the
rival air fleets met in dog fights.Large-scale military operations,
however, are not possible owing to
heavy rain which has been falling
since Monday evening.—Trans-
Ocean.**COMMODORE'S DOG
ABROAD**Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, re-
siding at No. 102, The Peak, was
this morning fined \$10 by Mr. R.
Edwards at the Central Magistracy
when he pleaded guilty, by letter, to
allowing his dog abroad without
muzzle or on lead, on November 22
at 11 a.m. in Findlay Path near the
Upper Peak tram Station.Mr. H. C. Margett of No. 295,
The Peak, was fined \$5 for the
same offence on November 27, but
in this case Sergeant Clarke said
the dog was only about 50 yards
from the house. Defendant also
admitted the offence by letter.**MARQUISATE FOR
GRAZIANI**

Rome, To-day.

The former Viceroy of Abyss-
inia, Marshal Graziani, has been
made a Marquis by King Victor
Emmanuel in recognition of his
services in Italian East Africa.In addition, the King has bestow-
ed on him the hereditary title of
Marquis of Neghellin, in perpetual
remembrance of his victory in the
first decisive battle against the
Abyssinian army.—Trans-Ocean.**FAILURE TO
APPEAR AS JUROR**Hans Herbert Mueller, of Messrs.
Kunst and Albers, was this morn-
ing fined \$5 by Mr. R. Edwards at
the Central Magistracy when he was
summoned for failing to appear as
a juror on Monday last. He wrote
to the Magistrate, apologising and
explaining the cause of his absence.**BUDAPEST AND
POLAND**

Budapest to-day.

Budapest newspapers are trying
to discredit reports of Franco-
Polish friendship following the
Delbos-Beck talks in Cracow.Russia, they say, proved the
stumbling block in M. Delbos' ef-
forts to draw Poland and Czechoslovakia closer together.—Trans-
Ocean.**ATHOS II DELAYED**The M.M. have received informa-
tion from the Saigon office that the
"Athos II", which was scheduled to
leave from Hong Kong on Friday,
for Shanghai, is delayed and will
only arrive here on Sunday, De-
cember 12, at day break.She will very probably sail the
same afternoon for Shanghai and
Kobe.

London, To-day.

The King has approved the ap-
pointment of Captain C. S. Holland
as Naval Attache to His Majesty's
missions in France, Belgium, Spain,
Portugal and the Netherlands, with
headquarters at Paris, to date from
January 17 next.—British Wireless.**FRESH; FINE**The Royal Observatory reported
this morning that the anti-cyclone is
stationary over China and Japan,
pressure being highest to the north
of the Yangtse Valley.The typhoon continues to be
stationary about 100 miles south of
Manila.Local forecast:—N.E. winds
fresh; fine.**CHRISTMAS
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Kennedy Road, had reported that
she lost a wrist watch, valued \$40,
from her residence yester-
day. A man, who had come to
inspect the electrical installation,
is suspected of the theft.

BREAKDOWN OF FIRST RESISTANCE EXPLAINED

Hankow, To-day.

FIRST explanation of the rapidity with which Japanese troops have reached the suburbs of Nanking is given in a telephone message from a foreigner in Nanking just before he left the capital with other foreign residents yesterday.

The foreigner attributed the breaking of the main Chinese line of resistance some distance outside the town to the demoralisation of untrained provincial troops, who had been entrusted with defence of one of the flanks.

Bombed unmercifully by Japanese planes for several hours, and shelled by howitzers, these provincial troops finally left their lines in disorder and retreated.

Instead of retreating direct to the rear, however, their route carried them through the trenches of three "crack" Nanking divisions, who were more than holding their own in the centre, and who had driven back several Japanese attacks.

The sudden appearance of thousands of demoralised troops in front of their lines upset the Nanking divisions, who were forced to withdraw in the confusion.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL ARMY SYSTEM

London, To-day.

The personnel of the Committee to enquire into the general administration of the Territorial Army, the appointment of which was forecast by the War Secretary a fortnight ago when he outlined the measures to be taken to recognise the full status of the Territorials as an integral part of defence system, was announced in the Commons yesterday. Under Secretary for War, Lord Strathcona, and Mount Royal, will be Chairman and the other members are Major General Sir John Brown, recently appointed Deputy Director General Territorial Army, Colonel Viscount Cobham, who is vice chairman of the Council of the Territorial Army Associations, Colonel Sir Robert Johnson, Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint and Mr. J. R. Wade of the War Office.

The enquiry is intended to be comprehensive, covering the organisation and finance of the County Associations and the simplification of relations between the War Office and the Associations on the one hand and the Associations and units on the other.—British Wireless.

A farewell meeting for the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones is to be held in the Cathedral Hall on Friday at 9 p.m.

As many will remember, Dr. Jones conducted a very successful mission to this Colony about six weeks ago, and he has since visited central China and the war areas, and should have an interesting story to tell. Everyone is welcome. British Wireless.

R.A.F. FLIGHT TO SYDNEY

Jerusalem, To-day.

The five Royal Air Force flyingboats flying to Sydney to attend the 150th Anniversary celebrations, passed over Jerusalem yesterday morning.—Reuter.

MR. LANSBURY OFF IN PEACE MISSION

London, To-day.

It is reported in the press that Mr. George Lansbury leaves London to-day for Prague, Warsaw and Vienna, where he will have interviews with leading statesmen as the representative of the "Embassies of Reconciliation" group of Christian Pacifists, responsible for his peace journeys to Berlin and Rome last Spring.—British Wireless.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.

The Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £435,394,700, compared with £412,475,808 at the corresponding date of last year. The total expenditure, less self-balancing items, is £532,927,346 compared with £544,037,258 at the corresponding date of 1936. The total floating debt outstanding at £971,595,000, compared with £845,150,000 a year ago, represents a net increase of £226,445,000 since March 31st.—British Wireless.

TERRITORIAL RECRUITS

London, To-day.

Mr. Hore Belisha stated in a Commons answer that during the period ended October 31st last, 43,923 recruits were finally approved for the Territorial Army—an increase of 10,526 on the number finally approved during the preceding year. The figure is a record one for a normal year.—British Wireless.

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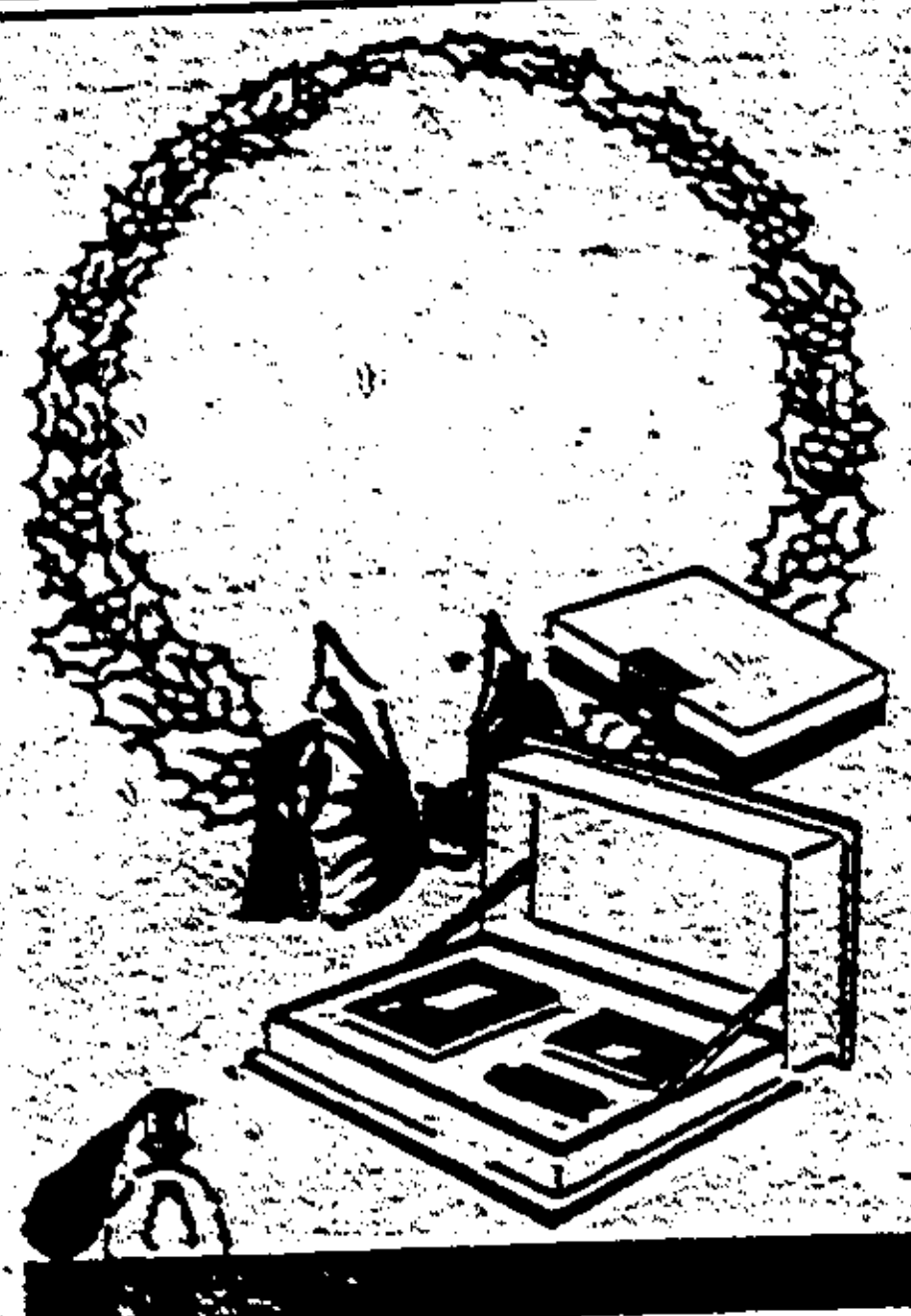
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STALIN VOLTE FACE ON FOREIGN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ALLEGED

London, To-day.

Stalin's foreign political schemes having met with failure, he has now resolved, says A. J. Cummings, the well-known publicist writing in yesterday's "News Chronicle," to concentrate on the internal task of achieving full industrialisation of Russia with a view to putting the country into a condition in which it will be able to ward off simultaneous attacks from east and west.

In asserting Stalin's volte face, Mr. Cummings says that it was the Russian Dictator's original intention to form a large international bloc to combat the Fascist powers.

Failure to achieve this intention has been primarily due to the restraint shown by Britain.

This reorientation of Soviet foreign policy, with its repercussions on domestic policy, has, however, given rise to grave misgiving among other Soviet officials occupying high places.

DEPRESSING EFFECT

These were led to believe that a policy of this kind would be bound to have a depressing effect upon the millions of Soviet workers who had been promised an era of unbroken prosperity.

Hence the view has been gaining ground in Russia that Stalin's new policy will in the end lead to national exhaustion.

Stalin's action of suppression is directed against those who have thus come to criticise his policy.

The process of wiping out these critics is still going on.

None can tell with what final result, not even Stalin himself.

LEAGUE WITHDRAWAL?

Russia, concludes Mr. Cummings, has elected to retreat from the field in international policy, and her withdrawal from the League of Nations may be expected to occur at any time, although she will probably choose the time that best suits her own interests.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO POLICY REVISION

Tokyo, To-day.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun," the influential Tokyo daily, predicts "sweeping revisions" of Japanese policy regarding the Chinese conflict following occupation of Nanking.

The newspaper regards anticipated fall of the Chinese capital as likely to mark the turning point in hostilities, and forecasts revision both of Japan's military programme, and political actions at home concerning the conflict.—Reuter.

YELLOW RIVER HINDENBURG LINE

Peiping, To-day.

A Japanese military spokesman yesterday admitted that the Chinese are busily constructing another "Hindenburg Line" along the right bank of the Yellow River from Tungkuang to a point 60 miles inside the Shantung border.

This line is held by 22 divisions. The spokesman also admitted that Chinese troops operating in Shansi have reoccupied Pingyao.—Reuter.

"MAJOR ATTLEE" COMPANY

Madrid, To-day.

A company of the British battalion in the famous International Brigade has been named the "Major Attlee Company" in honour of the visit of the British Labour leader to Republican Spain.

Major Attlee was informed of this honour when he arrived to review the battalion yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Owing to redecoration for the festive season the Cathay Ballroom will be closed to-night, tomorrow and Friday, reopening on Saturday.



A Sea Lion and her baby daughter are the latest additions to the private zoo at Chessington, Surrey. (For Copyright).

NON-INTERVENTION MEETING

Replies To Volunteer Question Considered

ENCOURAGEMENT TO FURTHER EFFORT

London, To-day.

A COMMUNIQUE states that the non-intervention sub-committee yesterday gave preliminary consideration to the replies of the two parties in Spain regarding the withdrawal of volunteers, and recognised that the replies were of such nature as would make it possible for them to continue their task.

The sub-committee also considered methods of constituting the commissions which will be sent to Spain to organise the withdrawal of volunteers.

The chairman's sub-committee is meeting on Thursday, and the technical sub-committee to-day (Wednesday) and Friday.

M. Ivan Maisky (Russia), speaking at yesterday's meeting, strongly criticised General Franco's reply.

RUSSIAN CRITICISM

After describing the Spanish Government's reply as satisfactory, M. Maisky said that General Franco's reply was "vague, not clear and ambiguous, while his reasoning was not only irrelevant but equally insolent coming from the mouth and pocket of a general unable without powerful foreign aid to stand on his own feet."

M. Maisky, however, strongly urged proceeding with preparatory work, in the hope that General Franco subsequently would give the committee such interpretation of his reply to enable the committee to effect real withdrawal of volunteers.—Reuter.

ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE

The Chairman's sub-committee of the international non-intervention committee met yesterday to consider the replies from the two parties in Spain to the committee's draft resolution of November 4.

The Committee agreed that both these replies constitute an acceptance in principle of the committee's plan.

The committee proceeded to a detailed discussion of the documents prepared by technical advisers for the execution of plan in its various stages.—British Wireless.

THE TWO REPLIES

London, To-day.

The replies of the two parties in Spain have been published. The Nationalist note asks whether it would be possible for the Governments represented on the Non-Intervention Committee to guarantee the fulfilment of obligations on part of the Spanish Government. The Note stresses the acceptance of the proposal for withdrawal of volunteers in principle and therefore the willingness of General Franco to assist the Governments in the evacuation of non-Spanish combatants.

In view, however, of the extraordinary fact that the Franco Government has not been recognised as a belligerent, this Government cannot

BRITISH NOTE OF WARNING TO FRANCO

London, To-day.

A Note has been received from the Spanish insurgent authorities regarding the declaration recently made by radio from Cadiz on the blockade of the coasts of the Government of Spain.

In reply to this Note, the British Ambassador at Hendaye has been instructed to remind General Franco that belligerent rights have not been recognised in the present conflict and that therefore the British Government cannot recognise any right to declare a blockade of this kind.

British shipping, it is stated, will continue to be protected as heretofore against interference when trading with Spanish ports.

A suggestion had been made that the approaches to the ports of the Government of Spain would be mined and in this connection, the attention of the insurgent authorities is called to the Hague Convention forbidding the laying of mines off the coasts and ports of an enemy with the sole object of intercepting commercial navigation. The suggested action, therefore, it is pointed out, would be a breach of international law even if, as is not the case, belligerent rights had been granted.—British Wireless.

undergo any binding obligations concerning the volunteers' withdrawal or the re-organisation of the sea, land and air forces.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

The fact that the Non-Intervention Committee has approached both warring parties proves that belligerent rights have been accorded, if not de jure, then de facto.

General Franco therefore proposes that, simultaneously with the granting of belligerent rights, 3,000 volunteers should be withdrawn from both parties, and that a definite agreement on the withdrawal of all volunteers and the organisation of control should be entered into at a later date.

The Spanish Government on the other hand agree to co-operate in the withdrawal of volunteers if the withdrawal is affected under international control.—Trans-Ocean.



Picture taken from a Japanese bombing plane showing an attack on the aerodrome and barracks at Hangchow.

GENERAL ELECTION IN BRITAIN

Madrid, To-day.

There will probably be a General Election in England at the beginning of next year, declared Mr. Clement Attlee in an interview with Spanish journalists here yesterday.

The results attained, he added, would be such as to make more active support of the Spanish cause possible.—Trans-Ocean.

M.P.S. IN BARCELONA DURING BOMBING

Barcelona, To-day.

Nationalist planes raided Barcelona, and environs yesterday afternoon.

No bombs fell on the centre of the town but it is reported that some were dropped in the suburbs, where the death toll hitherto is estimated at 50. Search for victims is proceeding under piles of debris.

The British Labour opposition leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, and other Labour M.P.'s, including Mr. Philip Noel Baker and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, were in Barcelona at the time of the raid, having arrived by special plane from Madrid shortly before.—Reuter.

A MISTAKE

Barcelona, Later.

It now transpires that Mr. Attlee and party arrived in Barcelona forty minutes after the all clear was sounded following the air raid.—Reuter.

MINE-LAYING BY INSURGENTS

Paris, To-day.

Reports of a barrier of mines laid by the Spanish Nationalists off the Republican Spanish coast between Almeria and the French frontier, and the effects of the barrier on Mediterranean shipping, are being followed with keen interest.

A message from Gibraltar says that the Nationalist cruisers Baleares, Canarias and Almirante Cervera left Cadiz again on Monday in order to escort minelayers which are to extend the barrier on the east coast of Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

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BIG GUNS OF BRITAIN'S NEWEST BATTLESHIPS

BRITISH naval rearmament is proceeding on a scale never before approached in this or any other country in time of peace. At the close of the current financial year there will be under construction and in varying stages of completion 146 vessels of all types, and substantial additions to this vast programme are expected to be made under the Navy Estimates for 1938.

The date unofficially specified for the completion of the naval rearmament plan, as at present envisaged, is 1942. In that year we should possess 25 capital ships, including 10 of the largest and most powerful type; 60 modern and 10 over-age cruisers; nine large aircraft carriers with a collective capacity of 520 aeroplanes; 150 modern destroyers, with a large reserve of older vessels, and 65 to 70 modern submarines. This establishment may be accepted as the irreducible minimum, for any modification that may be made is likely to be in an upward direction.

Basis For Criticism

The necessity for making this prodigious effort to restore our armed power at sea has been explained at length in successive White Papers on Defence, all of which emphasise "the overwhelming importance of the Navy in preserving our sea communications and thus ensuring to this country the supplies of sea-borne food and raw materials on which its existence depends." In spite of the extraordinary development of aviation since the Great War, nothing has yet occurred to indicate that strategical control of the sea routes could be secured by air power, either now or within the foreseeable future.

But if the nation as a whole is satisfied that the rebuilding of the Navy is an inescapable necessity, however formidable the cost, Admiralty policy is still being subjected to sharp criticism on important points of detail.

In particular the construction of battleships up to the Treaty displacement limit of 35,000 tons is condemned by certain naval critics, who advocate ships of much smaller dimensions and more of them.

That a reduction in the tonnage, and therefore in the first cost and maintenance charges, of all types of warships is eminently desirable is generally acknowledged, and would nowhere be welcomed more warmly than at the Admiralty. For at least 15 years the British naval authorities have been doing everything possible to effect such a reduction on an international basis, but without much success. Since the principal maritime Powers have agreed on certain maxima of tonnage and armament, and in most cases are actually building up to them, it would surely be folly for Britain, of all nations, to adopt inferior standards and build ships which could not face their foreign contemporaries on equal terms. Such, at least, is the consensus of opinion in the serving Navy.

Must Remain Afloat

But while our five new battleships are to be vessels of 35,000 tons, their main armament is to consist of 14in guns instead of 16in, although the larger calibre is permissible under the London Treaty.

At first sight the selection of the lighter gun may seem a retrograde

step, and it has been condemned as such in Parliament and elsewhere. What, then, were the reasons prompting the Admiralty's decision?

In the first place, the present Board—whose professional head, Adml of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, knows more about big ship tactics than any other man now alive—appears to have accepted the dictum of the late Adml. Tirpitz that "the first requirement of a fighting ship is that it should remain afloat."

Before the war we built capital ships with a very heavy armament combined with great speed, but in-

alternatively, the engine power would have had to be drastically reduced, making the ships very much slower than their foreign "opposite numbers."

Since exceptionally strong protection and adequate speed were deemed essential, the decision was in favour of the new 14in gun, which, although discharging a projectile perhaps 500lb to 600lb lighter than that of the 16in, has proved itself to possess qualities of range, accuracy and penetration sufficient for all rational requirements. Moreover, the 14in gun has a slightly higher rate of fire.

If, as is anticipated, the King

By Hector C. Bywater

"Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" Naval Correspondent

differently protected. At Jutland George V. mounts more than nine three of these ships blew up after heavy guns—which would be the receiving only moderately severe outside number of 16in possible on punishment. Following that painful the displacement—the total weight of metal she could discharge in a given period would be not greatly inferior to that of a 16in gun ship. Those who are conversant with the salient features of the design are confident that the King George V. will prove on completion to be the most efficient battleship of her day. Some foreign ships may be slightly faster, and others may carry bigger guns, but in none, it is believed will so just a balance between power, protection and mobility be achieved.

Merits of The 14-Inch

When the time came to design the five ships of the King George V. type, now building, the Admiralty had to keep strictly within the 35,000-ton limit. Had a 16in, armament been chosen, the weight available for protection might have been cut by as much as 4,000 tons, or,

Need of Protection

In the next group of battleships, probably to be laid down next year,

the pressure of public opinion rather than the desire of the Navy itself may impel the Admiralty to adopt the 16in gun. References have been heard to the moral effect on the personnel of knowing that their ships mount the biggest guns. The Navy, however, has not forgotten the lessons of the last war; and I have found in its ranks an overwhelming preference for as strong a measure of protection in all new capital ships as is consistent with adequate armament—adequate signifying accuracy at all practical ranges and projectiles capable of piercing thick armour in every circumstance likely to be encountered in action. Both conditions, it is claimed, are fulfilled by the 14in gun.

The Navy still regards the gun as the decisive arm in sea warfare, and therefore desires its new capital ships to be designed primarily as well-protected platforms for heavy artillery. This, however, does not mean that the air menace is being ignored.

When details of the King George V. class are released it will probably be found that these ships are not only as well protected against aircraft bombs as they are against gunfire, but that their powers of counter-attacking aircraft are immeasurably superior to those of our existing battleships. They promise, indeed, to be singularly uninviting targets for aircraft.

Cruisers And Aircraft

Turning to cruisers, the 20 now under construction fall into three groups: The Southampton class, 9,000 to 10,000 tons, with 12 6in guns; the Fiji class, 8,000 tons, with, it is understood, nine 6in guns; and the Dido class, 5,300 tons, the armament of which is not yet known. The Southampton and Fiji types are ocean cruisers whose main function in war would be the policing of the trade routes. They could, if necessary, be formed into "flying squads" to hunt down enemy raiders. The Dido units are intended to operate with the battle fleet as leaders of destroyer flotillas.

The simultaneous building of five great aircraft carriers, 22,000 to 23,000 tons each, is a sufficient answer to the charge that the Admiralty is not airminded. As the Fleet Air Arm expands, the Navy's long-cherished plan of full tactical and strategical co-operation between ships and aircraft will be put into practice.

While it is more than likely that a powerful air arm will simplify problems of trade protection, there appear to be no grounds for the assumption that the aircraft carrier is intended to supersede the cruiser as the cardinal factor in trade defence.

There will shortly be under construction 40 destroyers, with an average displacement of 1,730 tons. As the 70 earlier destroyers built since the war averaged 1,350 tons, it will be observed that a much more powerful standard has recently been adopted for this class.

Weakness of Sloops

The truth is that the current ship-building programme clearly reflects the vigorous and enterprising spirit that now animates British naval policy. The new fleet under construction will be in all essential respects a first-class fighting machine, every component of which is designed to function with full efficiency.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

It is reported that a Birmingham man is trying to train dogs to talk. Many women, on the other hand, are trying to train husbands not to growl.

A tall man can stand more drinks than a short man, says doctor. A canny Scot has been heard of who apparently cannot stand any drinks at all.

It is pointed out that many racehorses are given peculiar names. Especially if they don't finish in the first three.

That Handwriting

In case another chestnut has lost currency here is the story of the Editor whose handwriting was so appalling that a special compositor was engaged to set his copy. Irreverent subs finding a pair of chicken in the office dipped their feet in ink and allowed them to fight on a sheet of copy paper. They then handed the sheet to the compositor who placidly started to deal with it. He found himself stuck and made his way to the editorial den. With due apology he drew the great man's attention to one passage and said that he could not make out what word was there. The editor looked and quickly returned the sheet with the

comment "unconstitutional" you d—d fool."

Peterborough, writing in the London "Daily Telegraph," has kind things to say of the famed Sapa-jou of the "North China Daily News" and his collaborator in crime, in Parenthesis, who recently produced a record in book form of the Shanghai hostilities.

"The news in Mr. Pembroke Stephens's despatch to 'The Daily Telegraph' and 'Morning Post' that a shell had struck the offices of the 'North-China Daily News' and injured three members of its staff is the penalty it pays for having a war on its doorstep. An album I have recently received proves that the editorial staff realises journalistic luck which has come its way.

"The book consists of cartoons by Sapa-jou with letterpress by 'In Parenthesis.' Here is one of the shorter news-items:

"We should dearly like to know the name of the man who staggered into the bar and called for a bin-and-jitters."

"Sapa-jou also refuses to be depressed, savage or even disconcerted. His cartoon entitled 'Emergency Millinery,' which reproduces, in the best vein of our native philosophy for looking on the lighter side of things."

FRANCO-POLISH ALLIANCE

Official Communique On Delbos Visit To Warsaw

OMISSION OF LEAGUE MENTION DECLARED INTENTIONAL

Paris, To-day.

The French press, discussing the communique that was issued at Cracow after M. Delbos' talks with Polish statesmen, speak of the "reorientation of French foreign policy."

This inference is based on the fact that the communique makes no mention of collective security or loyalty to the League of Nations.

The omission, says "Le Jour," was not done unintentionally, and obviously indicates departure from the principles that have been governing French diplomacy in the past.

MASS TRANSFERENCE OF CIVILIANS IN AIR RAIDS

London, To-day.

The Government Air Raid Precautions Bill, as amended in committee, was considered on the report stage in the Commons and the Home Secretary, moved, in accordance with the undertaking he gave during the Committee stage, a new clause specifically placing upon local authorities the duty to provide the necessary information to enable the Government to prepare plans "for any necessary transference of the civil population in the event of hostile attack from the air."

The desirability of preparing schemes for the evacuation of population from large towns, particularly children, had been stressed by a number of members on both sides of the House in committee and the new clause was generally welcomed by speakers subsequent to Sir Samuel Hoare's amendment making the authorities in this matter beyond doubt.

MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM

Home Secretary, replying to the debate, said, the essence of the problem of evacuation was the magnitude of it.

The Government regarded it as one of the most important connected with air-raid precautions and though they realised its difficulties they would do their best to surmount them. He felt they would be in a better position to gauge them and come to wise conclusions when they had received the proposals of the local authorities. The new clause was agreed to.—British Wireless.

Actually, the paper says, the communique signals the decision of France to join the system of separate agreements, a step which is justified by the complete bankruptcy of the system of collective security favoured by Geneva.

All the Parisian newspapers give prominence to the communique, which, in brief, says that M. Delbos had talks with all political leaders of Poland, in the course of which all problems were examined in a spirit of loyal co-operation.

ENDURING ELEMENT

It was ascertained anew that the Franco-Polish alliance, which has been in existence since 1921, constitutes an essential and enduring element in the policy of both countries.

It was resolved to continue this policy of loyal co-operation both as regards aspirations of both countries, and also in the domain of efforts directed toward international appeasement and stabilisation.

In a statement made after publication of the communique, M. Delbos expressed himself highly satisfied with the outcome of his visit.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. QUASHES CLAIM AGAINST MELLON ESTATE

New York, To-day.

The charge against the late Mr. Andrew Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury and one of the richest men in the United States, of avoiding payment of tax, has been completely expunged by the action of the Government in overruling the major portion of the Federal Income Tax Board's claim of \$3,000,000 against Mr. Mellon's estate.

The decision states that Mr. Mellon did not file a false or fraudulent return with the intention of evading taxes.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL DATE OF ACCESSION

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury issued a statement yesterday in view of the general desire to observe the day of His Majesty's accession, and to use the forms of prayer of thanksgiving commonly called the Accession Service, it is important to note for avoidance of misunderstanding that the official date of accession is Dec. 11 and not Dec. 10.—Reuter.

WINTER ON RIVIERA FOR DUKE OF WINDSOR

Paris, To-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are to spend the Winter in southern France, says the Cannes correspondent of "Le Matin."

It is believed they will go to the villa "Von Viel" where the Duchess spent several weeks following her departure from England last Winter.

Owner of the villa, Mr. Herman Rogers, is expected to return on December 20, and the Ducal couple will arrive two days later.

The villa at the present time is being completely renovated.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER VISITS LUDENDORFF

Munich, To-day.

Chancellor Hitler paid a bed-side visit to General Ludendorff on Tuesday, expressing the hope that the General might soon be completely well again. The Chancellor conveyed a similar message from Field

WILD SURMISES ON DIPLOMATIC JOURNEYINGS

London, To-day.

The visit of the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, to Poland and the Little Entente countries is being followed with keen interest in England.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a leaderette, expresses regret that the press of late has shown a tendency to "over-dramatise" all visits paid by European statesmen to foreign capitals, and recalls that only recently, the success of Lord Halifax's visit to Germany had been seriously threatened by exaggerations and wild forecasts.

The Journal emphatically rejects allegations that M. Delbos' tour is to prepare a new "encirclement" of Germany.

ABSURD ALLEGATION

The absurdity of this allegation, it says, is evident from the fact the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, cordially greeted M. Delbos when the latter passed through Berlin on the way to Warsaw.

The Journal expresses the conviction that M. Delbos' peripatetics with Polish statesmen will help to alleviate existing tension in Europe, and says that this conviction can only be strengthened by the fact that his Warsaw visit has failed to produce any "sensational results."—Trans-Ocean.

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ARMS AND THE FUTURE

The pertinent question put by Dr. Wellington Koo in his final appeal to the Brussels conference, when he challenged the position of Powers who condemned Japan's aggression and at the same time supplied her with the means of aggression, was raised in the House of Commons on Monday in the course of an apparently innocuous question. The Government spokesman told the House that exports of British aeroplanes, engines and other parts in the last twenty months had totalled nearly \$3,000,000, and had he gone into the further particulars probably well known by the questioner, he would no doubt have revealed that a goodly proportion of that equipment had gone to countries whose re-armament, particularly in the air, had been the chief promoter of British rearmament and of half the scare of British fear of aerial invasion. Some time or other, this is an issue which will have to be faced whether or not a capitalistically-minded Government likes it or not.

Every great country is now engaged in spending more money than it can afford in the production of munitions of war. In every great country, except Russia, the industries engaged in it are making profits or expecting to make them, and the measure of expectation—especially in Britain—is accompanied by a fear that the country's needs will be exploited by the armaments makers, and that the great effort which the taxpayer is called upon to make will be increased by the exactions of profiteers. It is no wonder that such fear should exist. The World War provided tragic evidence of the making of profits in war industries when the youth of the country were giving their lives in the trenches. During the war period 360,000 people in Britain are reported to have increased their fortunes over the pre-war basis by no less than \$3,000,000,000.

The position now, it is true, is not fully comparable with the position then. During the World War, munitions had to be produced at any cost, and there was little time to provide the checks which to-day there would be no excuse for omitting. But, granted that, is it the case that all is being done that ought to be done to avoid excessive charges and improper profits, to prevent prices being raised against

taxpayer and to prevent us from arming against ourselves by supplying to foreign countries?

The armament manufacturer has become in the eyes of public imagination a sort of bogeyman who stirs up wars and goats over bloodshed. The picture has, no doubt, been exaggerated in proportion to the monstrosity of the evil. But it has been impossible to disprove certain stories of collusion between French and German manufacturers alleged to have co-operated in supplying materials to both sides during the World War. Nor can one feel at all complacent about the enterprise—legal as it was—of the American and British firms who agreed to divide between themselves the supply of munitions to Chile and Peru when those two countries were at war.

It is necessary that every country should have its eyes very wide open when arms are urgently needed by its own or some other country and opportunities of undue profit-making present themselves. It would be folly to suggest that no such opportunity presents itself in Britain to-day. On the other hand never before has there been so considerable an array of forces for preventing abuse. The strong feeling on the part of the public, the persistence of Parliamentary critics, and the Government's knowledge that its own credit is at stake should make a powerful combination of deterrents to profiteering and to undue dealings with the potential "enemy."

But it continues to be necessary that the public should be ceaselessly alert to the possibilities of abuse.

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As We Sow

Where are pity and compassion gone, that the world can, with no greater protest, read, day by day, accounts of what is happening in China? Where also has the world's common sense gone in regard to the future?

Towns are bombed out of existence on no other pretext than the possibility that troops may be there. British ships are subjected to machine-gunning at Tsungming and to destruction by bombing at Wuhu. Nanking and Pukow have been subjected to the "worst raids of the war."

What of the future? Do we think that the effect of such happenings can be confined to one small part of the globe?

The answer is not wholly a warlike spirit. Here is tragedy. Would it not be well if we endeavoured to strength in ourselves and in our nations the precious grace of compassion? In one of his most poignant war poems Wilfred Owen speaks of those whose hearts are hardened and says of them:

By choice they made themselves immune
To pity and whatever means in man
Before the last sea and the hapless stars:
Whatever mourns when many leave these shores;
Whatever shares
The eternal reciprocity of tears.

The children of the next generation are standing before us. Shall we harden our hearts and choose to be "immune to pity"? Shall we also be immune to the awful warnings of history which tell us that, as the world sows, so does it reap?

OUTER NANKING BEING BURNED ON ARMY ORDERS

Thousands Flocking Into Prepared Safety Zone

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ZERO HOUR FAST APPROACHING

Nanking, To-day.

With the capital about to fall into alien hands for the first time in its long history, the Chinese defenders have begun systematic destruction of ammunition dumps, gasoline depots, aeroplane hangars and workshops.

All aeroplanes which were damaged and could not be repaired in time, have been also destroyed, but all aircraft in good condition left Nanking yesterday morning for a base inland.

The Chinese military authorities have ordered the burning of suburbs outside the south-west gates, with a view to depriving the Japanese of cover, but have announced that they have no intention of destroying property inside the city, except possibly for structures such as bridges and water towers, which may be useful to the Japanese forces.

ULTIMATUM PRESENTED TO NANKING

Shanghai, 10 a.m. To-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that an ultimatum was late last night presented by the Japanese commander of the forces investing Nanking, calling on the Chinese to surrender the capital unconditionally, and warning that non-compliance would have as a consequence the complete destruction of the city and all within it.

The Japanese gave no time limit for reply, but it was indicated in Japanese circles that they were prepared to wait until noon to-day.

Early this morning, however, fighting occurred at several points, initiated by Chinese counter-attacking and this is regarded as the Chinese answer. Our Own Correspondent.

B. AND S. TUG FIRED ON

Nanking, To-day.

Two Chinese soldiers in a sampan attempted to hold up a tug belonging to Butterfield and Swire which was en route to the wharf from the Jardine Matheson bulk when its engine failed.

The soldiers fired several shots but none of the British passengers on the tug, all of whom lay flat on the deck during the firing, was injured.

All British sailings for up river have been cancelled as a result of the bombing of Wuhu, which was subjected to further air raids yesterday. Reuter.

Gunfire was heard last night from Tangshan, near Chuyung, where three Japanese guns are reported to have been in action.

Meanwhile the Chinese authorities are taking firm measures to suppress looting, and the bodies of six looters executed yesterday are on exhibition at the railway station.

Hundreds of other would-be looters have been arrested outside the city area.

GATES TO BE CLOSED

The police have requested the populace to enter or leave the city, and declare that the remaining gates in the wall will shortly be closed in order to control the movements of the people.

After a military conference yesterday, General Tang Sheng-chih, commander of the Nanking garrison, ordered all troops to leave the safety zone, which for the first time is now flying distinctive flags.

The order was promptly obeyed, and anti-aircraft guns at Wufai-shan, near the United States Embassy, were quickly removed.

Other military stores are still being taken out of the zone.

THOUSANDS POUR IN

A tour by Reuter's correspondent of the zone, into which refugees of every description are flocking and which the international committee has appealed to the Japanese to isolate from warlike operations, revealed that the area is crammed with people, with thousands still pouring in.

Thoroughfares leading to the zone are almost impassable, as a continual stream of humanity flows in in unending waves.

Everywhere in the zone, refugees are sitting in the bitter cold on their humble possessions, and are patiently awaiting provision of accommodation. Reuter.

ZERO HOUR NEARS

Hankow, To-day.

Nanking is rapidly nearing zero hour, according to a telephone message this morning. The Japanese are reported to have consolidated their positions at the gates of the capital. The garrison commander of Nanking has ordered the residential district around the Sun Yat Sen National Park, outside the walls, to be burned down, in order to be able to observe Japanese movements.

Besides the magnificent Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum, this district comprises the National Stadium, the Open Air Auditorium and the Presidential Palace, which was, however, not occupied since its erection. The private house of President Lin Sen is also situated there, at the slopes of Purple Mountain, and three Orphanages dedicated by Madame Chiang to the memory of the 72 Heroes and the Shanghai Dead.

Reports of the resignation of the Generalissimo are regarded here as utterly unfounded. It is reported that the Generalissimo has left Nanking in order to be in a position to control the direction of the whole campaign. Trans-Ocean.

VISCOUNT ISHII TO SEE MR. EDEN

London, To-day.

Viscount Ishii, Japan's special envoy to Europe, reached London yesterday, when he saw prominent members of the Japanese colony, whom he will again interview to-day.

Yesterday he conversed with the Ambassador, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida.

Viscount Ishii intends to make an early call on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. Reuter.

FOREIGNER ON CHINKIANG CONDITIONS

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. A. L. Patterson, President of the China Air Motive Company of Shanghai, arrived yesterday after taking two weeks for the journey from Shanghai.

Mr. Patterson reported that Chinkiang was badly damaged by air bombing, the A.P.C. office there having suffered from a direct hit. He also declared that retreating Chinese troops were well behaved and disciplined, and that they shot all looters found on Chinkiang streets. Reuter.

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Labour Question In Commons

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THE new War Office policy of reducing the age of those holding high command, led Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher, Labour member for Nuneaton, to ask the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday if this policy is to be extended to the Navy and Royal Air Force.

Mr. Chamberlain assured the questioner that the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Secretary for Air would continue to give full weight to all relevant considerations, including age, health and physical fitness of the officers concerned.

Lt.-Com. Fletcher asked whether it was not desirable to have an approximation to the average age between the Army Council, the Air Council and the Board of Admiralty.

He quoted the disparity in age between the First Sea Lord and members of the two latter bodies. (Cries of "No").—Reuter.

PU YI AND KING VICTOR EMMANUEL

Rome, To-day.

An exchange of congratulatory telegrams between Emperor Pu Yi of Manchukuo and Victor Emmanuel on the occasion of Italian recognition of Manchukuo, is announced.

Pu Yi added: "We can work together in the cause of world peace."—Reuter.

DR. ALEKHINE AGAIN CHAMPION

The Hague, To-day.

Dr. Alekhine regained the world's chess championship yesterday, beat-

ing Dr. Euwe at the forty-third move in the twenty-fifth game of the series.

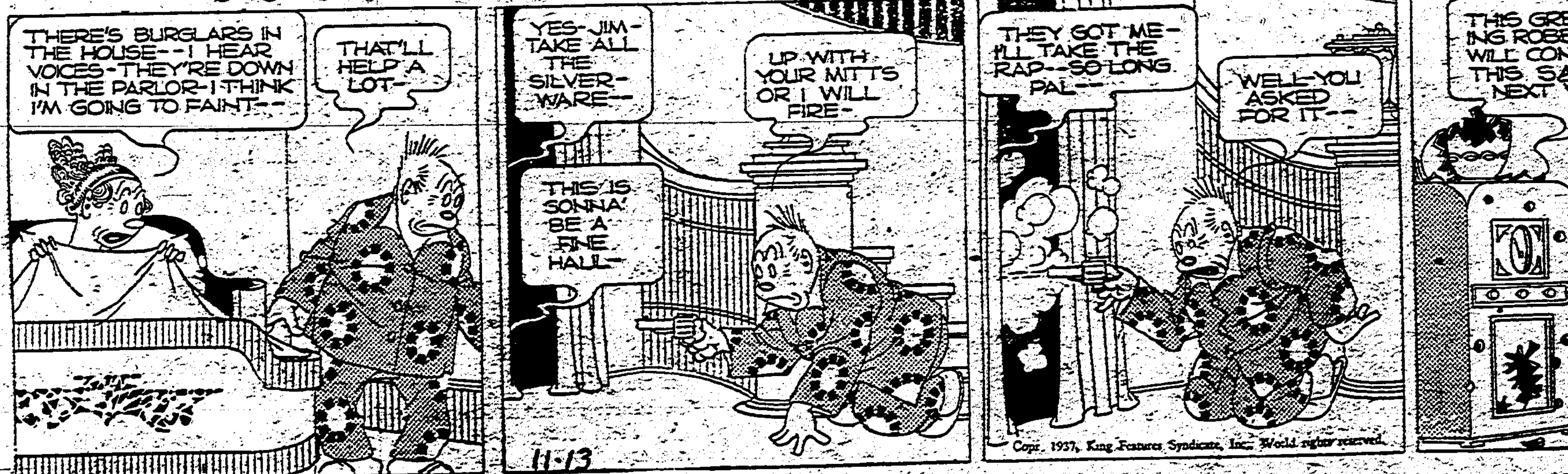
Final score was: Alekhine 15½, Euwe, 9½.—Reuter.

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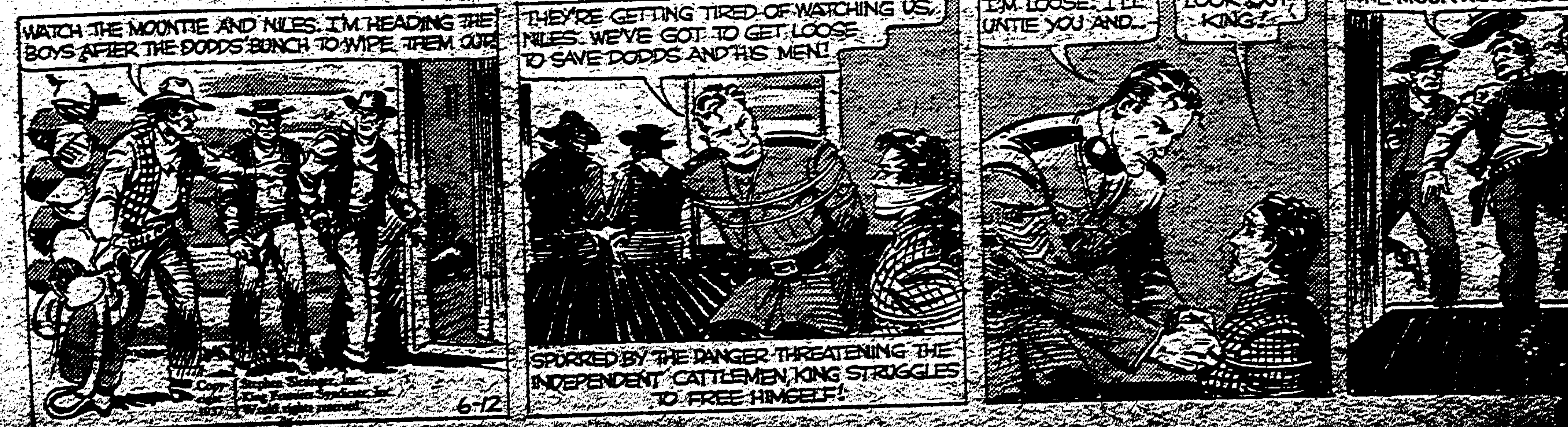
Worplesdon foursomes tournament was what Ascot is to racing. Apart from being an occasion when women wear the latest in sports clothing, Worplesdon foursomes is also a miniature Cruft's show. There are more dogs taken to Worplesdon than to all the other London tournaments added together. There are all sorts of dogs—gay dogs, sad dogs, small dogs and big dogs, and what the Worplesdon dogs don't know about golf is not worth barking about. Photo shows—A wire-haired terrier watches the clubs of his master and mistress. (Fox Copyright).

(Left)—Thousands of pilchards were washed up on the beach at Seaford, near Adelaide, Australia, recently. It is believed the fish were chased inshore by a shoal of Yellowtails. They had to be shovelled up with spades. Photo shows—The unusual sight on the beach at Seaford, near Adelaide. (Fox Copyright).

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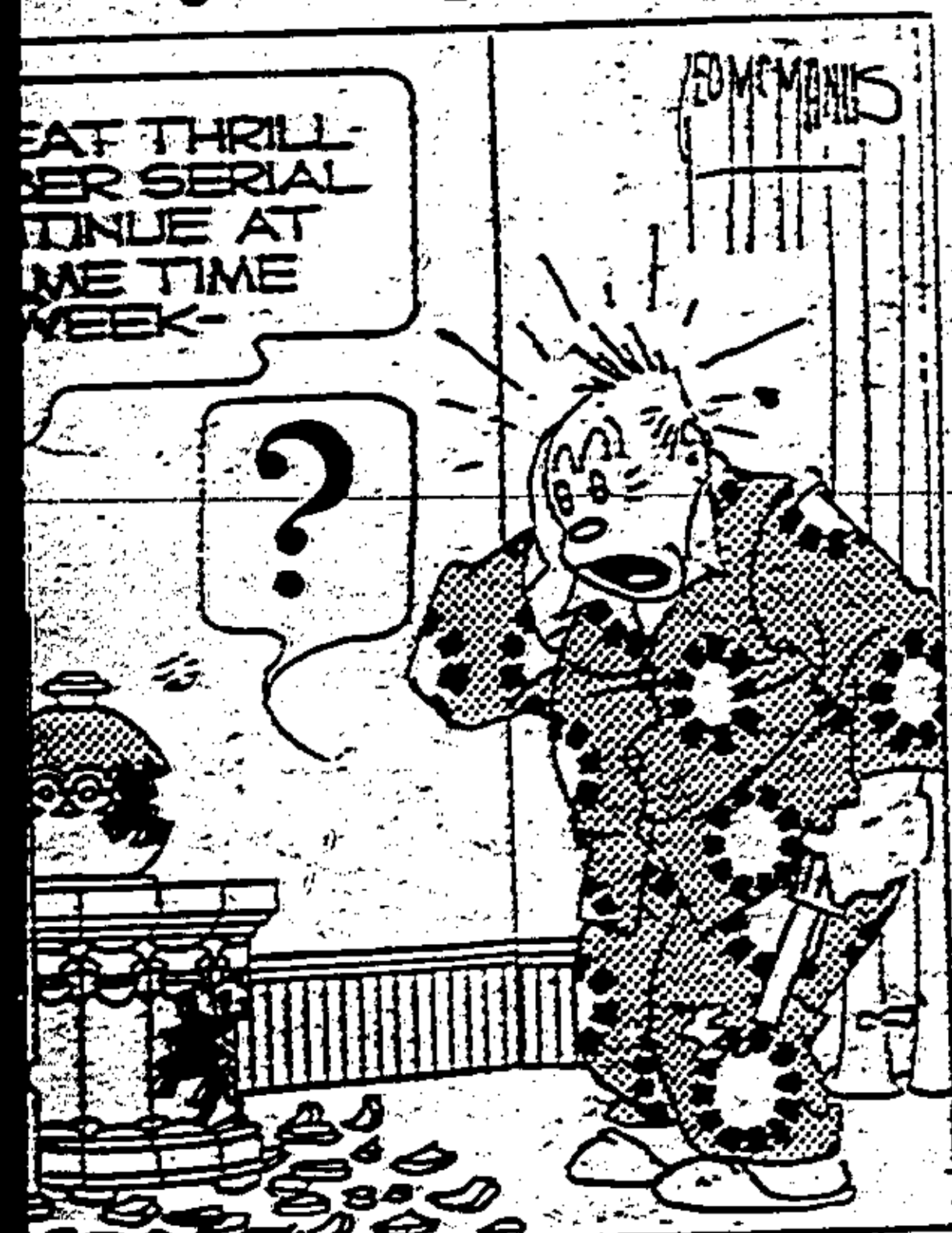
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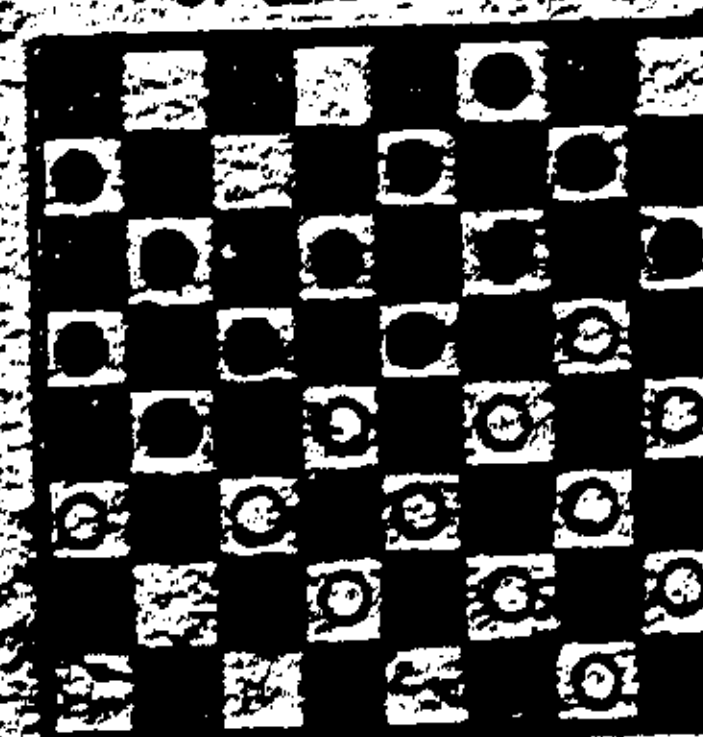
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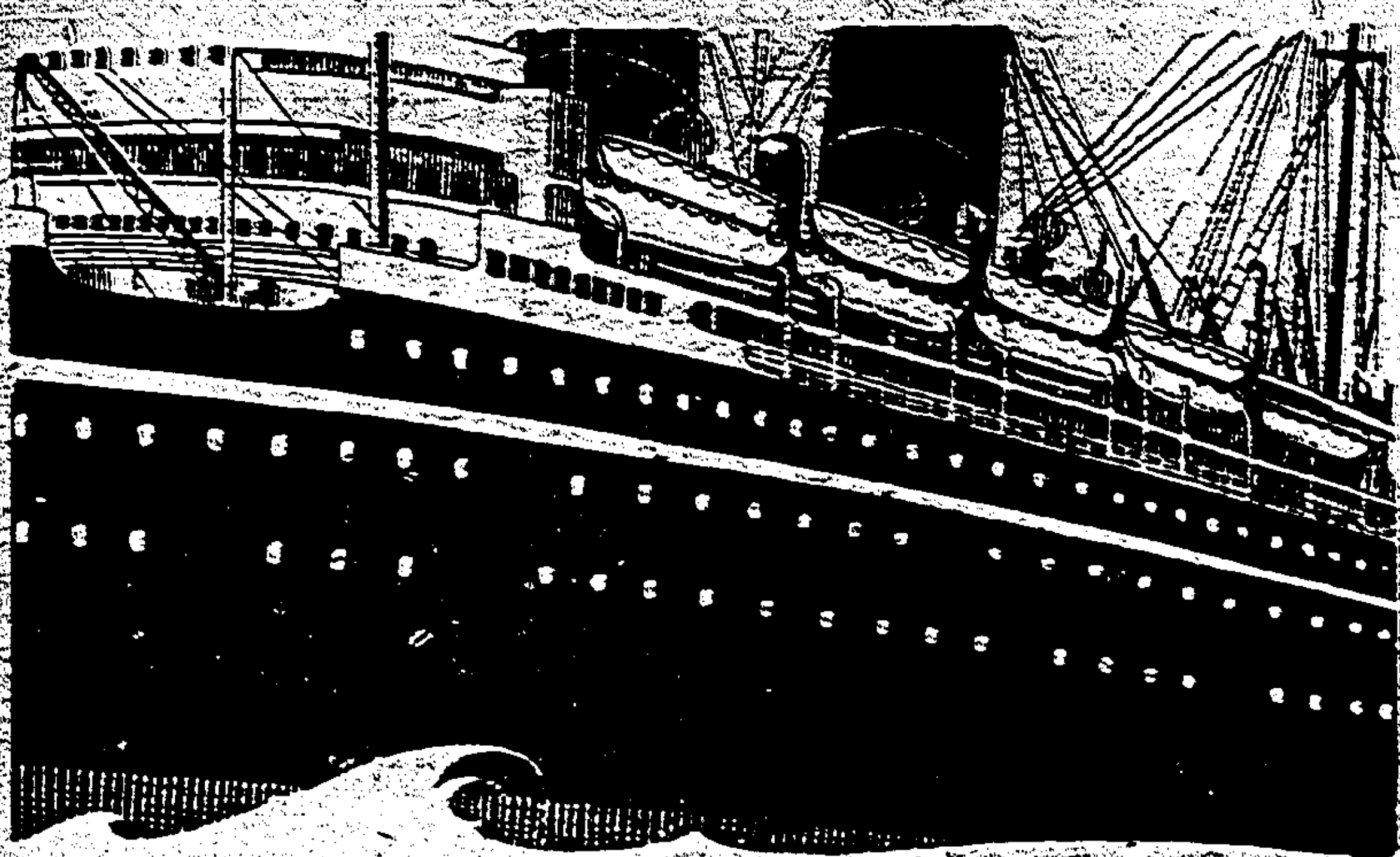
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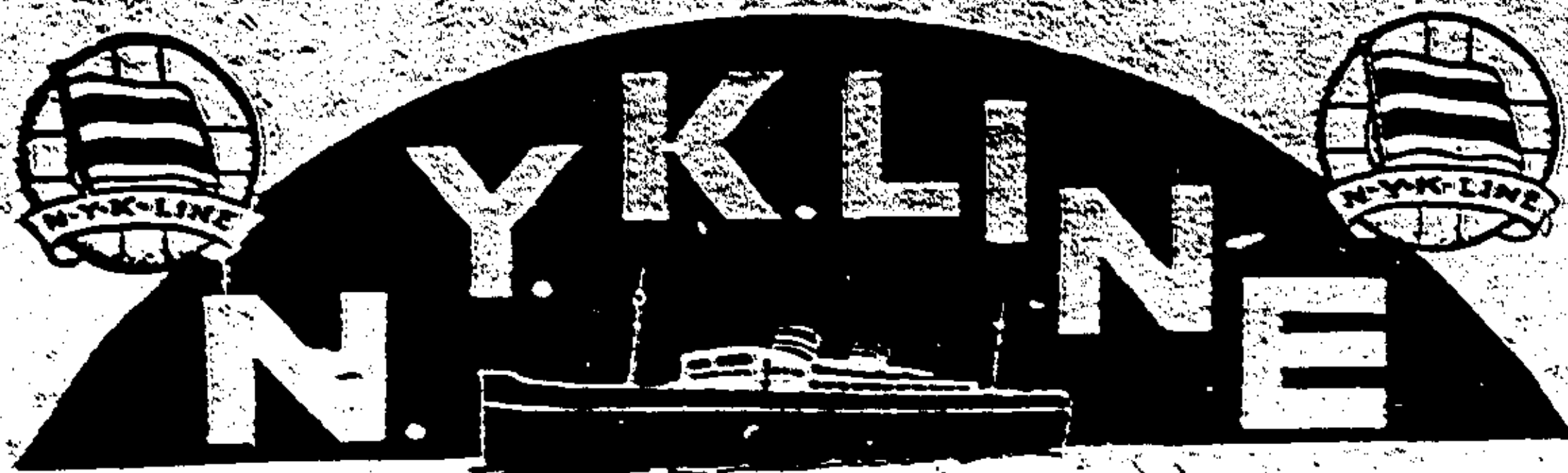
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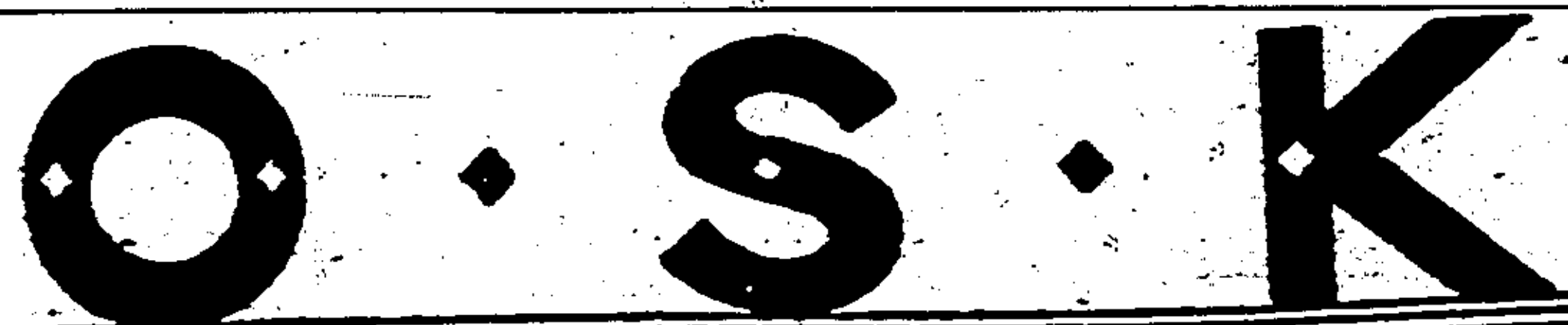
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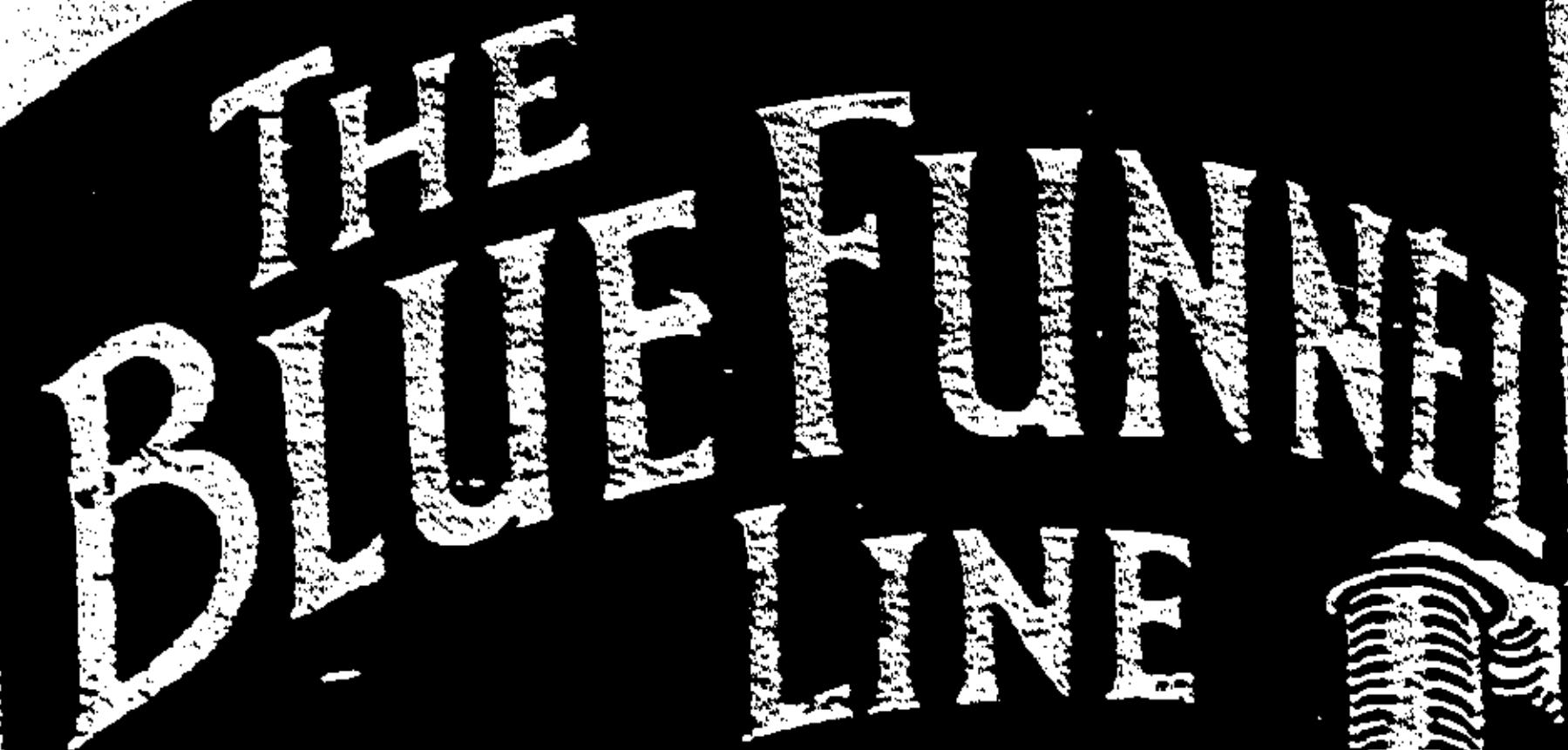
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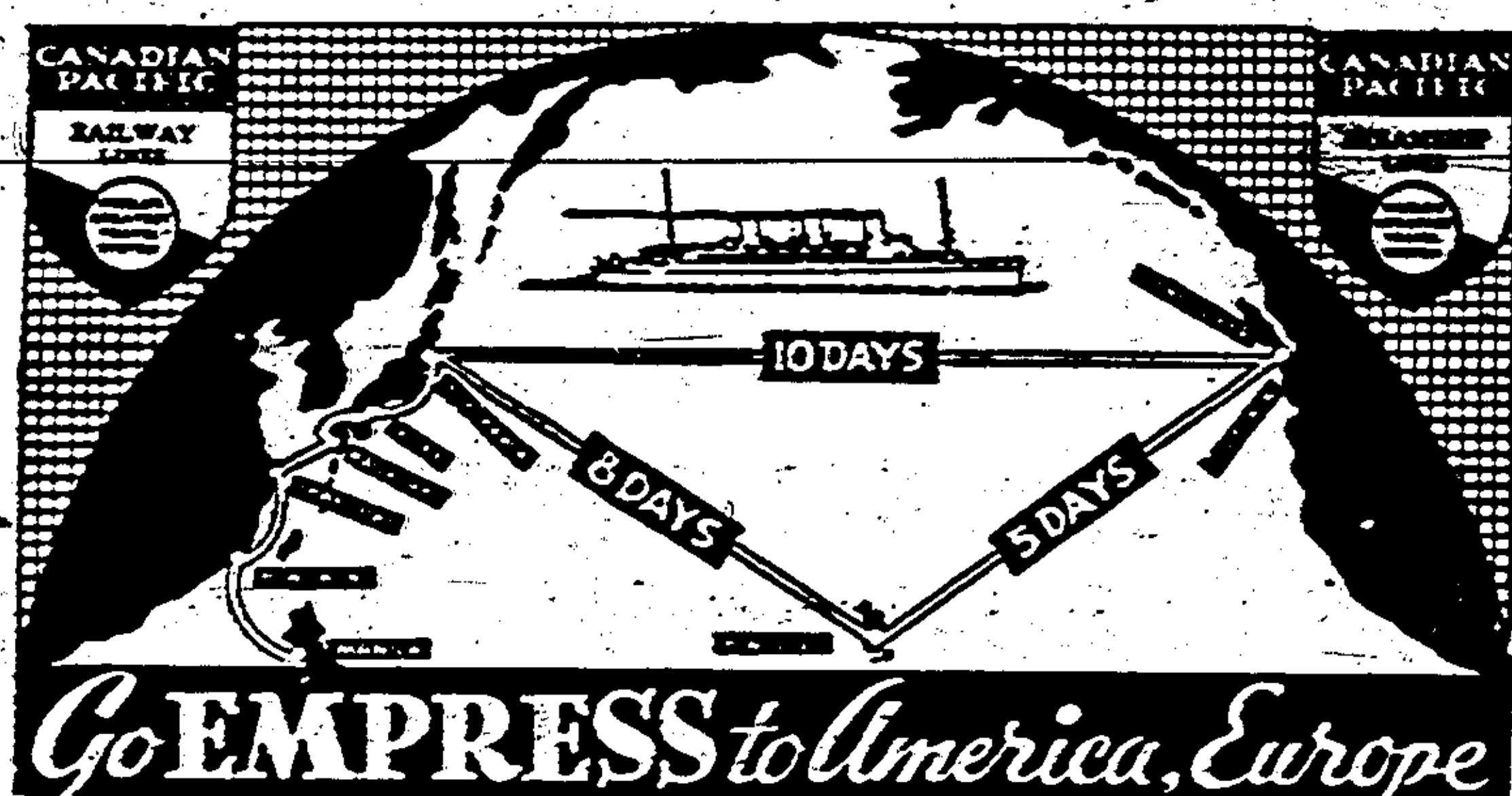
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AMERICA ENTERS AS BUYER IN SILVER MARKET

London, To-day.

SURPRISE was expressed on all sides yesterday afternoon when the price of silver only showed a small rise against the farthing to three-farthing jump which the market had expected earlier.

It is understood the price would have risen sharply but for a late rush of Indian selling.

Moreover, certain technical factors connected with selling orders, militated to the contrary.

U.S. PURCHASES

After the official price fixing, gossip in bullion circles turned to the amount of silver which was offered to, and taken by, the United States on Monday afternoon, estimates varying between 750,000 and 1,500,000 ounces.

Almost immediately after yesterday's fixing, India turned buyer bidding up the price by an eighth, but sellers were holding off.

BUYERS ACTIVE

It is believed that America also asked for offers to be made, but her brokers were not able to do so owing to the attitude of sellers, while arbitrageurs were also trying to buy in order to ship to New York. — Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1500 b., \$1490 sa.
Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) \$38½ b.

INSURANCES

H. K. Fire Ins \$246 s.
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MISCELLANEOUS

Wallace Harpers \$5 s.
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Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 25½ b. Up ½.
April/June 25½ b. Up ½.
July/Sept. 26½ b. Up ½.
Market: Easier.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18½ and "forward" at 18¾/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.995 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.99-13/16.

South Rhodesia Loan

London, To-day.

It is stated that arrangements are in progress for Southern Rhodesia three and a half per cent. loan amounting to £2,250,000, to be issued at 101 and redeemable in 1961. — British Wireless.

S.P.C. ANNUAL REPORT

It is with some anxiety that the financial conditions likely to prevail in 1938 are anticipated, says the eighth Annual Report of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, just issued.

The Report states that in common with the rest of the community, the Society and its supporters have been hard hit by the afflictions of the past year, but that it will be recognised that the same causes which have given rise to the new and irresistible calls upon public generosity, have intensified rather than diminished the need for helping the poor children of Hong Kong.

The financial statement for the year ending October 31, 1937, shows total Receipts of \$25,267.11, including the Government Grant of \$5,000, and Payments for the year at \$26,824.88.

Under Payments, salaries and travelling expenses of Inspectors total \$9,236, while maintenance of offices accounts for \$2,060.85.

STREET SLEEPERS' HOME

Wish to build up, if possible, a reserve fund out of which at some long distant date the accumulated funds will provide the nucleus wherewith to acquire a permanent shelter, is expressed in the Financial Report of the St. Francis Home for Street Sleepers.

Total income for the past season was \$1,659.55, and expenditure \$1,411.79, the surplus to be carried forward to the coming winter's campaign.

CANTON WOMAN FINED

Tsang Chung-kai, a married woman, living at No. 156, Jaffre Road, was this morning fined \$100 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when found guilty of keeping an unregistered *mui-tsai*.

Inspector Fraser said the girl had reported to the Police that she was a *mui-tsai* and had been assaulted. There was evidence of cane marks but not sufficient a charge of assault. The girl was presented to defendant for \$170, three years ago in Canton, and was brought to Hong Kong about two months ago. The defendant had come to the Colony to settle some family business.

Asked by Mr. Forrest why she had brought the girl here, defendant said she was needed to look after the children.

The P. and O. s.s. "Rajputana" left Shanghai on the 7th instant and is due here on the 9th instant at about 10 a.m., she will proceed to Booy AI on arrival.

BRITAIN'S HUGE INVESTMENTS ABROAD

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Kindersley contributes to the current issue of the "Economic Journal" his customary annual survey of British overseas investments.

He estimates that the total of United-Kingdom investments abroad at the end of 1936 as \$3,764,000,000 against \$3,788,000,000 the year before. He puts the income from these investments in 1936 at \$184,000,000.

Of \$3,240,000,000 nominal British capital invested overseas at the end of 1936, Sir Robert assigns \$1,981,000,000 to British countries and \$1,259,000,000 to foreign countries.

The estimated amounts for the Dominions are Australia, \$565,000,000; India and Ceylon \$443,000,000; Canada and Newfoundland, \$443,000,000; and New Zealand \$146,000,000.

\$236,000,000 is estimated to be invested in Europe, \$372,000,000 in Argentina, \$160,000,000 in Brazil, \$50,000,000 in Chile, and \$85,000,000 in other South American countries.—British Wireless.

NO SLUMP EVIDENCE IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Speaking at Birmingham yesterday, Mr. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was no evidence of a slump in Britain.

Although there were certain setbacks, due to recent cessation of spending by big industries in the United States, causing a fall in material prices, there was no indication that the British decline was general, nor likely to occur as a result on completion of expenditure on rearmament.—Reuter.

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MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR NEW U.S. LINERS

Washington, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that the Maritime Commission is ready to start within a fortnight a many million dollar programme to rehabilitate the American merchant marine.

An official said that bids would be asked for \$20,000,000 worth of construction, including at least ten 9,000-ton cargo ships costing about \$1,750,000 each.—Reuter.

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DESPITE a gallant effort by Sergt. Painter, who, according to my records, has also turned out for Army "A", Army "B" were beaten by I.R.C. juniors by 5 wickets, in the only League match played last Saturday.

G. Souza was responsible for the biggest score of the week, compiling a hard-hit century in a pick-up game at the Craigengower, in which match, A. B. Hamson also distinguished himself by capturing 5 wickets for only 10 runs.

Army "B" have had a most disappointing season to date and have now been defeated four times in as many attempts. Painter, who opened their batting on Saturday, showed that the I.R.C. bowling could be hit. He scored all round the wicket, finding the boundary on no fewer than 14 occasions. Next highest scorers however, were Hopcroft and Patterson with 13 each. Minu went on late and took 4 wickets for 13, while Ismail Ali, a schoolboy, bowled very steadily.

It was left to the I.R.C.'s two schoolboys to knock off the 134 runs required for victory. Ismail Ali, followed up his bowling with a dashing innings of 66, which included 14 fours and K. M. Rumjahn scored 26. H. T. Barma, who opened, was not dismissed until 47 runs, were on the board, of which, his share was only a dour 12.

INTERESTING GAMES

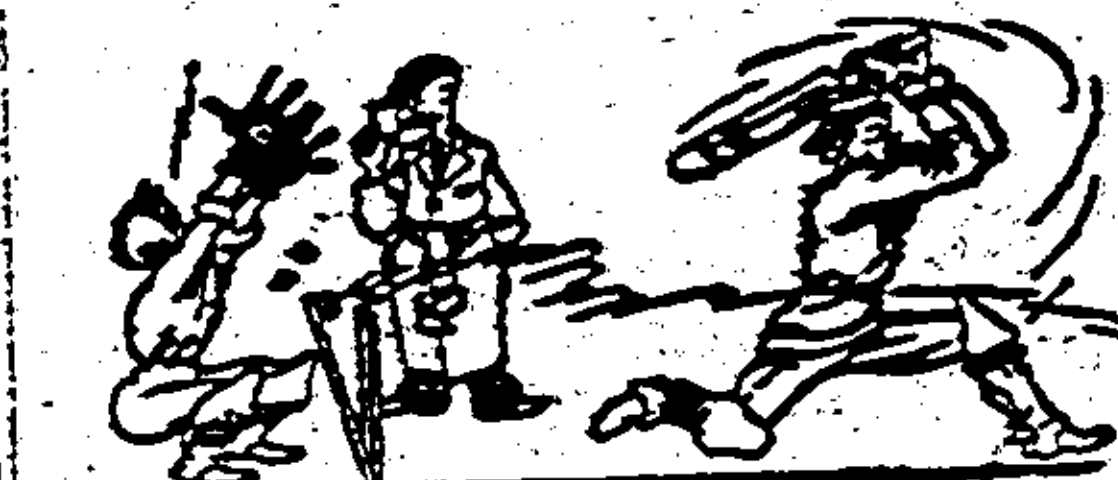
First Division Clubs, although somewhat weakened by Volunteer Camp, had some extremely interesting games. Club scored an excellent win over the Army at the H.K.C.C. Army batted first and so tied down were they by the accurate bowling of Baker and Wodehouse that they were forced to declare with their score at only 114. Lt. Weedon, who has batted with great consistency throughout the season, scored 24, Cpl. Jones 27, Sgt. Parridge 17 and Major Murray 15.

Club did not have matters all their own way and if M. F. L. Haymes (54) and J. B. H. Leckie, the Shanghai Interporter, had not become associated in a profitable stand, there may very well have been another tale to tell. They finally won with two wickets to spare.

CLOSE GAME

The match at Cox's Road, between K.C.C. and Recreio, was an even more interesting affair. Towards the end, in fast-falling light, the home team had a sporting chance of pulling off a victory. When O'Bryen was dismissed in attempting a big hit, however, Pereira's fast 'uns nearly brought off an unexpected victory for the Portuguese team.

The chief feature of Recreio's innings was a fine first innings partnership between E. M. L. Soares and W. A. Reed. The former



provided all the fireworks and batted really well. The K.C.C. ground is not by any means small and the fact he hit three sizes, speaks much for his ability to punish anything the slightest bit overpitched.

VERSATILE GOSANO

A. V. Gosano, who has taken to cricket like a duck to water, was the only other double-figure scorer. Robbie Lee bowled very steadily—quite up to his old form—but Lloyd was hit around rather a lot, especially by Soares. B. D. Lay was put on surprisingly late and was virtually unplayable. He bowled 4.2 overs, three of which were maidens, and took 3 wickets for only two runs.

K.C.C. never appeared in any difficulty. O'Bryen's 36 was top score and R. E. Lee made 20. I am told that E. F. Fincher, although he stayed there for quite a while, never showed anything like his form of last year and was far from convincing. Pereira took most of his wickets in darkness. His last two overs yielded them all.

MINU AGAIN

At King's Park, the I.R.C. won fairly comfortably against the Navy thanks chiefly to Minu. I give credit to Minu, in the face of good scores by Ismail and Mader, for the reason that I have seen the Navy in action on several occasions this season and I consider that any wickets taken against them, on



A. F. Austen, above, played a very good game in last Saturday's Army hockey trial at Sookumpoo.

their own ground are well-earned, as they seem to thrive on a fast matting wicket.

In any event they were dismissed on this occasion for a meagre 110 and the Indians had little difficulty in knocking these off.

Batsmen evidently found run-getting fairly simply at Craigengower in their intra-club game. Hamson's eleven amassed 228 for 7 of which Souza scored 100, Esmael 35, A. K. Ismail 32 and Hong Sling 20. As is only to be expected, Lam's bowlers had a very lean time of it.

LIM FINDS FORM

H. P. Lim at last found the form he possessed some seasons ago. He was the only member of Lam's side to make anything like a score and hit 15 boundaries in an innings of 79, scored out of 179. Hamson put him self on as a last resort and took 5 for 10 in five overs.

Recreio junior eleven show remarkable inconsistency in their batting against the Police.

Six of the team reached double-figures, the remaining five scored "ducks" although it must be admitted that two of the latter were undefeated. A. E. Noronha, L. A. Marques, A. A. Lopes and M. Mendonca, were the principal scorers, apart from 28 by extras, and a declaration was made at 147 for 9. Pope bowled with his usual consistency and took 5 wickets.

BOWLERS DOMINATE

Police had scored 95 for 5 (Pope 47 not out) when stumps were drawn, Gosano having taken four of these for 30.

Bowlers were well on top in the match between the Civil Service and the H.K.C.C. juniors. Robertson scored 44 out of C.S.C.'s total of 81 and thanks to 63 by Bishop, this total was passed for the loss of five wickets. Outstanding bowling feats were registered by Robb and Bishop, for the Club, and Robertson again was prominent for the opposition.

"B" DIVISION LEAGUE BADMINTON

Kowloon Tong to Play Free Lances

(By "ADREM")

Only one match will be played off in the "B" Division of the Badminton League to-day, Kowloon Tong meeting the Free Lances at Kowloon Tong.

Both teams have victories over the C.R.C. to their credit and a very keen game is certain to eventuate, although, it appears to me, the home team should get away with the points, chiefly because of their better balance.

Free Lances' chief chance of winning rests in the form shown by J. L. Anderson and C. Bovaird. If this pair can win all their games, there may be a chance of Fisher and Clark pulling off two. Frankly, I don't think Harris and Hilton are likely to offer much opposition.

ALTERED LINE-UP

Kowloon Tong, as a result of alterations in pairings, are now an extremely difficult combination to beat. R. E. Lee now pairs off with Ko and in recent practice workouts they have shown form which will make their defeat by any pairing in the Junior League a matter of great difficulty.

Roza and Peter Lo are also playing together and can be relied upon to snatch a game when most needed.

The following are the teams:—

Kowloon Tong:—R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan; Peter Lo and A. W. da Roza.

Free Lances:—S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher; J. L. Anderson and C. Bovaird; H. Harris and A. Hilton.

CLUB "A" XV RUGBY GAME TO-DAY

There will be a Rugby game on the Club ground, commencing at 4.45 p.m. to-day, when the Club "A" XV will meet a Navy team drawn from H.M.S. Tamar and Herald. The Club side has been selected as follows:

M. W. MacGrath; E. van Leeuwen, D. B. Nelson, E. M. Watts, L. Lamert; D. Hynes, J. R. Henderson; R. G. Geer (Captain), T. H. Pratt, E. G. L. Oliphant, B. Hynes, Dr. Stout, R. Leigh, W. Stoker and J. C. Miller.

The second game of this season's Triangular Tournament series will take place on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. next Saturday, December 11 when the Club will meet the Royal Navy.

Last Saturday, the Army met the Navy and were decisively defeated.

FRIENDLY CRICKET NEXT SUNDAY

A friendly game of cricket has been arranged between the Hong Kong University Alumni Association and the Craigengower Cricket Club for Sunday, December 12, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The following have been chosen to represent the Alumni Association:

F. Zimmermann (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, A. Bakar, E. L. Gosano, W. H. Kwan, C. W. Lam, L. T. Ride, A. M. Rodrigues, P. M. N. da Silva, W. Hong Sling, and J. L. Youngsaye.

SOFTBALL RAGGED OVER WEEK-END

CENTRAL BRITISH MAKING GREAT STRIDES AT GAME

MUST KEEP BODIES AWAY FROM "SACKS"

THIS WEEK'S "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

SOFTBALL, over the week-end, was not of the highest standard and part from one match, between the Filipinos and the Canadian Chinese, the other three games were ragged. Not that there were many errors made in play; in fact, there were a number of double-plays pulled, but the latter plays were fairly simple.

THE CANADIAN CHINESE CAME FROM BEHIND TO REDUCE THE BIG LEAD THE FILIPINOS HAD TAKEN. AND SHOWED A FIGHTING SPIRIT THAT WAS COMMENDABLE.

Bill Muir's Central British boys have showed the most improvement recently and Stan MacNider did sterling work behind the bat for his team. With the chatter he put up one might well imagine him to be a veteran in the ranks of the American game.

The British boys will have to learn to keep their bodies away from the sacks when a runner is trying to reach a base. Many a player has been hurt by a base runner charging in, particularly at first base and home plate. Of course, in Softball there is no chance of a baseman being soiled as in baseball, but the danger is still there.

SOFTBALL SPOTLIGHT

The other doctor active in local Softball, and who plays left-field for the Canadian Chinese Club, is Dr. George Gouiney Lee, M.D., who is affectionately known among his many friends as plain "Gee-Gee."

Born in China in 1905, he went to Toronto, Canada, with his parents five years later, where he attended Cottingham Public School. After his graduation from grade school, he went to Jarvis and Davenport Collegiates, and from there he went to the University of Toronto, coming out as a full-fledged doctor of medicine.

NOT BEEN EQUALLED

Interested actively in many forms of athletics, "Gee-Gee" is the only Chinese in Canada to win a letter at the University of Toronto, a distinction which to this day has not been equalled. Winning a letter, the hard-to-get "T" of his University, meant that he played for the college in a major sport. Among the games he was prominent were soccer, rugby, Canadian football and basketball.

Aside from his studies, "Gee-Gee" always managed to find time for outside activities, being connected with the senior leader corps of the Y.M.C.A., and he was also a prominent member of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., in which he had charge of the junior boys.

WORK IN CANADA

Returning to China in 1932, he joined the staff of the Canton Hospital in Canton, but only remained there for one year. In 1933, he went back to Canada for post-graduate work at St. Michael's and the General Hospital at Toronto, and came back to practice in the Colony two years ago.

"Gee-Gee" is only five feet three and a half inches tall, and weighs

125 pounds wringing wet, but he is a bundle of energy running rampart on the softball field. Watching him play a game, one can easily imagine the seriousness with which he bends over the operating table. He hardly cracks a smile, and it's a difficult job to get him to say a word. Very few balls get past him at left-field, and his batting average is up with the heavy hitters, and he can be called on for service on the mound.

BOURNEMOUTH'S NEW INDOOR GREEN

Big Crowd See The Opening

(By E. J. LINNEY)

London, November 5.

Alderman T. V. Rebbeck, Mayor of Bournemouth, presided at the inaugural lunch in the Pavilion at Bournemouth yesterday, to which the English Bowls Association and local teams and members and the Corporation were invited. Speaking of the new indoor green and building he claimed that it surpassed any green in the world for accommodation of players and public.

Mr. R. B. Hilton, chairman of the E.B.A. indoor section, congratulated the Corporation on its enterprise.

Following lunch the teams crossed the town to the Winter Gardens site, which has been used for the new building. The Mayor declared it open and threw the first jack. All the seating was occupied in the deep gallery and round the green, and many spectators were standing.

There are now nearly 50 indoor bowling clubs affiliated to the E.B.A. (Indoor Section), but the building at Bournemouth is the first which will provide the spectator with more than elbow room to witness the play on a green which accommodates seven playing rinks available for 56 bowlers at the same time.

The seating includes an extensive amphitheatre, rising from the level of the green, with row after row of tip-up seats.



If you can play a badminton singles and then draw your breath you can take it from me that you're fit, and that your medical insurance examination need not give you the slightest fears.—Graham Standard.

In my humble opinion, Schmeling, unless he landed a lucky right or two, wouldn't whip one side of Farr. I think that Schmeling was a lucky individual in that he failed in the promotion of a battle between himself and Farr in London.—Hype Igoe.

Hyams is anxious to fight M'Avoy again. True, he was unfortunate in sustaining an eye injury on Monday which ruined any chance he might have had; but I do not think promoters will be anxious to stage another fight after the disappointing affair at Belle Vue.—Harold Lewis.

Nothing but stiff-neckedness is in the way of the return of France to the Rugby international fold. I believe that, if the opposition by Scotland could be overcome Ireland would fall into line—and England would be only too willing to agree. In fact, she has been in this mood for some time.—Geoffrey Simpson.

Certain happenings during the past year or two in connection with the more spectacular side of the British prize-ring have not only brought a deeper pessimism and cynicism into the hearts of men who



count, but I learn that the sequel has been serious discussions behind the scenes as to the advisability of closing down, and leaving the future to whoever may be willing to carry on in spite of his or their disgust.—A writer in the "Sunday Referee."

Every Scottish football follower has reason to express admiration for the ways of the Association selectors. Occasionally, one hears the phrase "window dressing" mentioned, but there is no justification for this allegation nowadays when F.A. teams are assembled. Even club influence is not the potent factor it once was, and those who are most closely concerned with the game realise that the teams of to-day are chosen on merit.—W. M. Gall.

I am convinced that the centre half of the "stopper" type will not always be left to dominate the game. I am waiting for a centre forward to appear who will not only beat him, but prove that his style is wholly mistaken. Patience may be required, but I am sure that this will occur and that it will need any alteration of rule. The centre forward may not be able to perform the task single handed. He may require the help of his colleagues, especially, I think, the inside forwards. The tactics of the game are closely studied to-day, and if any club will plan how the centre half-back can be beaten and driven from his entrenchments they will do a great service.—C. E. Sutcliffe.

This referee business has developed into what appears to be a most troublesome thing in connection with boxing, and the only remedy appears to be contained in the adoption of a practice against which we have for many years past set our mind, viz., the American method of appointing two judges to act as official point scorers in addition to the third man in the ring. Here, to our mind, does lie the remedy for the troubles which have recently arisen.—"Boxing."

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Padgham Eclipsed At Malden

WINNER'S FINE CONFIDENCE

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, November 1. Cecil Denny, Thorpe Hall, Southend, won the £175 match-play tournament at Malden on Saturday. In the 18-holes final, he beat Alfred Padgham, the former Open champion, 5 and 4.

Denny was the surprise of the tournament. At the last moment he took the place of Abe Mitchell and then proceeded to beat four distinguished golfers—Patrick Mahon, W. J. Cox, B. Gadd, Irish Open champion, and, finally, Padgham, who suffered the biggest defeat of all.

It may well be asked: "How was it done?" The answer is simple; Denny putted all four out of it. He is a putter of the bold type; having got the line, he proceeds, without further fuss, to rap the ball straight at the back of the hole. And, more often than not, in it goes.

DENNY'S CREED

Denny's creed is: "To be short is criminal." His putting technique is interesting. His grips the club firmly, if not tightly, with the thumb and first finger of the right hand, and with a short backswing gives the ball a firm and pronounced blow.

Denny is so sure that he is on his way to the pick the ball out before it has reached the hole. Having long been knocking at the door, he has at last crossed the threshold.

Denny would take a good deal of throwing out if the rest of his game was as convincing as the putting. In turning the club face either in or out at the address, he was never quite sure whether the shot would finish in the direction of mid-off or mid-on. But wherever the shot finished it did not seem to matter to hoots, for he was sure to be down in a pitch and a putt.

COOLNESS PERSONIFIED

There was one notable example in the lamentably one-sided match against Padgham. At the fifth (400 yards) Denny, having turned the club face over a little too quickly



in order to prevent a slice, was away in the rough on the left, while the second shot finished on the other side of the course behind a bunker. He pitched over and gaily holed a putt of about six yards for a 4, and, if you please, won the hole.

He never should have won it, for Padgham, having played a masterly cut-up spoon shot round two trees, was nicely on the green, and putting for a 3. Instead he took 5 by missing a "sitter" of two feet. This was the third time in five holes Padgham had three-putted and, naturally he was three down.

FOUR DOWN

He became four down at the short seventh where Denny, now on the top of the world, put his tee shot a yard from the stick, and, of course, holed the putt for a 2. The ever-smiling Padgham did not seem to mind; it was just fate, and nothing could be done. He hit a colossal drive to the tenth (497 yards) and then proceeded to hook a No. 2 iron shot round his neck.

This was five down and to all intents and purposes the end of a somewhat undistinguished match. Padgham, who never once touched his proper form, thus wound up the season without a success of any consequence, a complete reversal of last year when he carried everything, before him. The fact that he was one over bogey for the 14 holes of the match speaks for itself.

SEMI-FINAL

A. H. Padgham (Sundridge Park) bt W. Laidlaw (Ashridge, Asst.) by 2 and 1.

C. S. Denny (Thorpe Hall) bt R. Gadd (West Cheshire) by 4 and 2.

FINAL

Denny bt Padgham by 5 and 4.

ARGYLE SIGN BOURTON

Plymouth Argyle yesterday paid Coventry City the biggest fee the Midland club has ever received for the transfer of Bourton, their centre-forward. Before joining Coventry, Bourton played for Bristol City and Blackburn Rovers. He has scored nearly 200 goals for Coventry, and in 1931 set up a new Southern Section record with 49 goals in 40 matches. Everton transferred Dickinson, their reserve centre-forward, to Northampton Town. Dickinson, who joined Everton three years ago, has made only one first team appearance for them.

OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE AT RUGGER

London, To-day.

A crowd of 40,000 spectators including His Majesty the King saw Oxford University defeat Cambridge University in their annual Rugby classic on the Twickenham ground by four tries and a goal (17 points) to a dropped goal (4 points) after leading by 8 clear points at the interval. This was their first victory since the 1933 season.

Although they appeared to be the lighter and smaller of the two sides, Oxford confounded their critics and were superior in all departments of the game, their three-quarters' tackling being deadly while their forwards were magnificent in the loose and kept Cambridge continually on the defensive.

The Light Blues' backs spoiled their attacking movements by hurried passing and their men were completely throttled and were not given the space to operate their movements, which were broken by the deadly tackling of Oxford's backs before they could be developed.

Oxford deserved their victory, which must partly be attributed to Brett, the Oxford Captain, whose last minute shuffling of the Oxford defence in which Freakes went from full-back to the three-quarterline, which was previously inclined to be weak, made all the difference.

The weather was cold and it was just possible to see across the foggy pitch when play opened.

Renwick, Oxford's left-wing three-quarter opened the scoring in the sixth minute of the game when he gathered an awkwardly bouncing ball in his stride to score an unconverted try wide of the posts.

After fluctuating play, Oxford increased their lead when Cooke, their scrum-half, broke away from a set-scrum to score near the posts, Brett adding the goal points.

In the second half, Oxford's forwards were continually in the picture with magnificent work in the loose and Mayhew, one of their forwards, following up a long punt, scored an unconverted try in the second minute after the resumption.

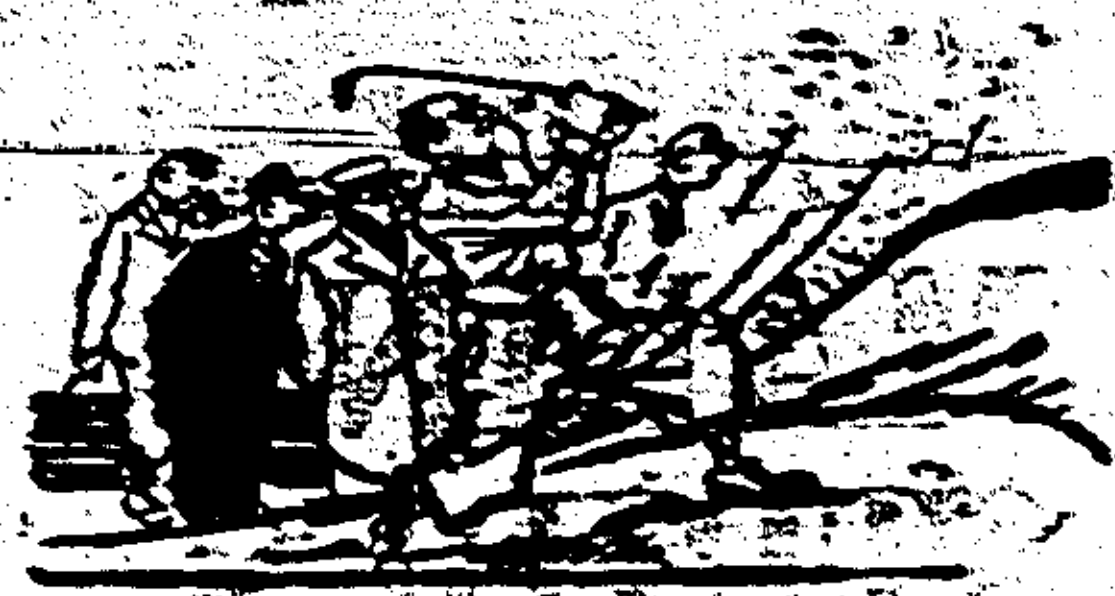
CAMBRIDGE RETALIATE

Cambridge now came into the picture and amidst great excitement Bruce-Lockhart, their stand-off-half, dropped a magnificent goal in the 24th minute to reduce the Light Blues' arrears.

Oxford were not to be browbeaten, however, and seven minutes later Mayhew again came into the picture to beat three Cambridge defenders to score a fine unconverted try and Cooke scored again a minute before the final whistle, Brett failing with the kick.—Reuter.

The following are the results for the past 10 seasons:—

1927	Cambridge	22-14
1928	Cambridge	14-10
1929	Oxford	9-0
1930	Drawn	3-3
1931	Oxford	10-3
1932	Oxford	8-3
1933	Oxford	5-3
1934	Cambridge	29-4
1935	Drawn	0-0
1936	Cambridge	6-5
1937	Oxford	17-4



DRAW FOR TAGGART CUP TOURNEY

Ladies' Golf At Fanling

The first round draw for the 1937-38 Taggart Cup Golf competition of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, has been made. The conditions of the competition are as follow:

Eighteen holes match play over the New Course, Fanling. Three quarter difference of handicap allowed. The first named player is responsible for fixing the match. If the result is not posted by the closing date for the round, the second named player goes into the next round.

THE DRAW

First Round—Mrs. Selby v. Mrs. Greaves; Mrs. Lindsell v. Mrs. Austin; Mrs. Heiberg v. Mrs. Mulcahy; Mrs. MacKichan v. Mrs. Durran; Mrs. Gerondal v. Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Henry v. Miss Glover.

Byes into Second Round—Mrs. Glover v. Mrs. Dovey; Mrs. Holmes v. Mrs. Dyer; Mrs. Chalmor v. Mrs. MacKenzie; Mrs. Wolf v. Mrs. Skeet; Mrs. Brown v. Mrs. Bishop; Mrs. Valentine v. Mrs. Hillier; Mrs. Walker v. Mrs. Overy; Mrs. Clark v. Mrs. Lissaman; Mrs. Roberts v. Lady MacGregor; Mrs. Maitland v. Mrs. Margaret; Mrs. King v. Mrs. Morrison; Mrs. Wodehouse and Mrs. Woodward.

The First round to be played by January 4; second round by January 18; third round by February 8; fourth round by February 22, and fifth round by March 8. The final will be arranged. No extensions will be given.

SONJA HENIE HONOURED

Oslo, To-day.

Sonja Henie, the world's foremost woman ice skater, has been awarded the Cross of the Order of St. Olav, by King Haakon of Norway, in recognition of her outstanding sporting achievements.

This is the first time that this high order has been granted in connection with sport.—Trans-Ocean.



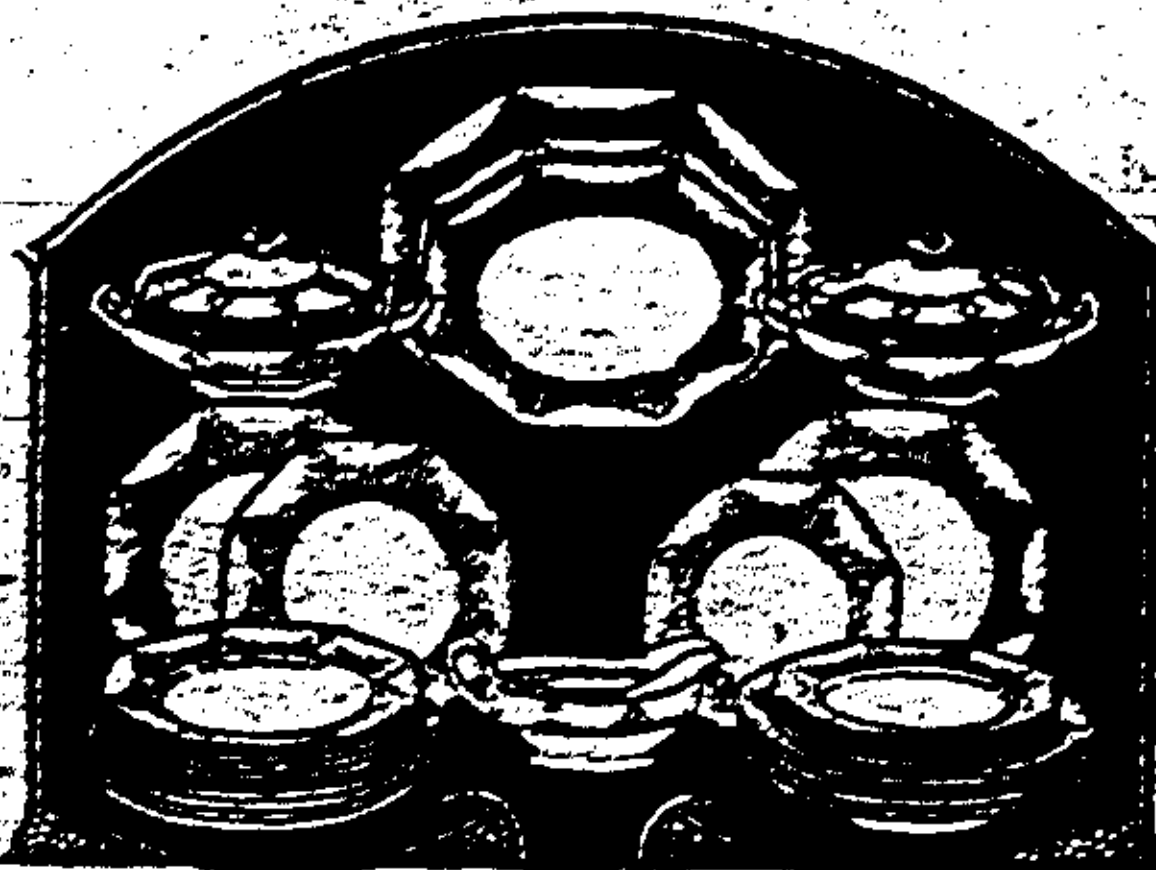
OPEN MIXED TENNIS

Guest And Miss Griffiths Win Easily

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WALES HOLD TOO MANY RUGBY TRIALS

HARDSHIP ON PLAYERS AND BIG CLUBS

London, November 9.

THE first Welsh trial match at Bridgend on Saturday brought in its train the annual controversy as to its value. There is no doubt that these trial matches are regarded as a great nuisance by the leading Welsh clubs. I think they would all agree that they are a necessary nuisance, though a good many people question the necessity of having so many of them.

There are three official trial matches, with a few unofficial ones in the form of county games sandwiched in between. Saturday's match played havoc with the strength of some of the first-class clubs. Cardiff, Newport, Llanelli and Swansea all fielded "skeleton" teams, though, as it happened, only Newport were defeated. Of course, if these inconveniences are imperative in the "national interest," then the clubs must put up with them.

It has been suggested that trial matches should be played on a week-day, when they would not interfere with the clubs' Saturday engagements. That idea, however, has already been tried and found to be unsatisfactory. An undue percentage of old internationals were found to be crocked on the day of the trial match and then miraculously to recover their customary vigour by the following Saturday.

No, I think Saturday trial matches must still be held, but the Welsh Union might well consider cutting down the number of "full-dress rehearsals" to two, omitting the November trial altogether or, alternatively, using it as an opportunity for reviewing the material available in the second-class clubs or from Welsh "exiles" in England and elsewhere.

The industrial depression has driven so many young men out of Wales that some effort to trace the best of our native-born players who have migrated should be attempted on a systematic scale.

One hears of colonies of Welsh Rugby players not only in London, but in Devon and in big industrial centres like Rugby, Coventry and Birmingham. They must not be forgotten.

UNFAIR TO STAR PLAYERS

A special trial match held for their benefit could do no harm, and might reveal a good deal of hidden talent. I am convinced that it is quite unnecessary to ask Welsh first-class players, who are under the eye of one or other of the selectors every Saturday, to turn out in three and sometimes five trial games, particularly players like Tanner, Cliff Jones and Wooller, who are virtual certainties.

Playing such men in preliminary trial matches does no good and may do a lot of harm if accidents happen, as they often do. Tanner's injury on Saturday was his third in six trials.

PROBABLE TEAM

I have already dealt with the form shown by the players in the last trial. It is early yet to talk about the probable constitution of the Welsh team, but if I were asked to select a team on orthodox lines from the men I saw on Saturday, with the addition of Wooller, this would be it:

Jenkins; Bassett, Edwards, Wooller, Clement; Tanner, Cliff Jones; Law (Newport) or Morgan (Swansea); Travers (Newport); Davies (Cardiff); Watkins (Cardiff); Anderson (Maesteg); Rees (London-Welsh); Vickery (Aberavon); Evans (Newport).

FRESHMEN'S FEATS AT CAMBRIDGE

Blue's Son Reaches Three Finals

EASY WIN FOR STILL IN THREE MILES

(By BEVIL RUDD)

London, November 5.

Brothers of Blues and a son of a Blue distinguished themselves at Fenners yesterday when the Cambridge Freshmen's sports were begun.

E. H. Bennett (Michaelhouse, S. Africa and Clare), a younger but bigger brother of M. C. H., won the discus with a very satisfying heave of 120ft. 11½in. and was first in 16.5sec in his hurdles' heat; R. J. K. Brown (Kingswood and Trinity Hall), brother of A. G. K., won his low hurdles heat most efficiently; and K. Hope-Jones (Eton and King's), a son of the Cambridge miler in 1905, 6 and 7, qualified for the finals of the long jump, quarter-mile and half-mile — a busy afternoon which in no way distressed him.

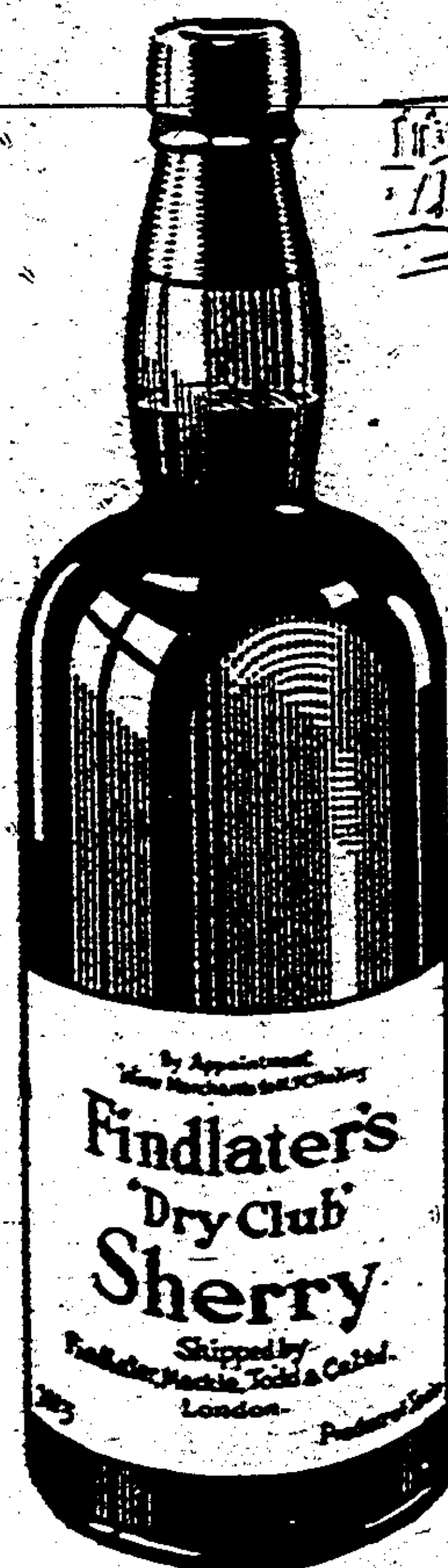
He is probably the best of the long jumpers and is a possible winner of the quarter-mile against A. R. E. Rhodes (Rugby and Trinity) and J. T. Ainslie (Newcastle and Pembroke), a heavy, powerful runner, but in the half-mile Hope-Jones is opposed by A. E. Smith (Sedburgh and Jesus), who won this event in the Public Schools sports last April in 2min 2.4sec.

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style, has infinite vitality and shrewd judgment. The neatest mover yesterday at this distance was A. J. H. Bensley (Holloway and Christs). Moreover, he appeared to have reserves which he did not trouble to tap in qualifying for to-day's final.

Another smooth and graceful runner was H. C. Still (Exeter and St. John's). He made all his own pace in the three miles. He led by 20 yards after a 5min 22sec mile, by 50 yards in a 11min 5sec two miles, and finally won by 45sec in 16min 28sec. R. A. B. Clough, of Exeter, who won the Freshmen's cross-country race, did not enter as he has been ill.

BETTER MATERIAL

It was surprising to discover that G. S. B. Cohen (Cheltenham and Trinity Hall) was no relation to

"H. J." Their size and sprinting actions are almost identical.

None of the sprinters beat 10.6 sec, and P. J. Wells won the Oxford Freshmen's race in 10.3sec in very similar conditions, but in all other respects Cambridge appear to have better material.

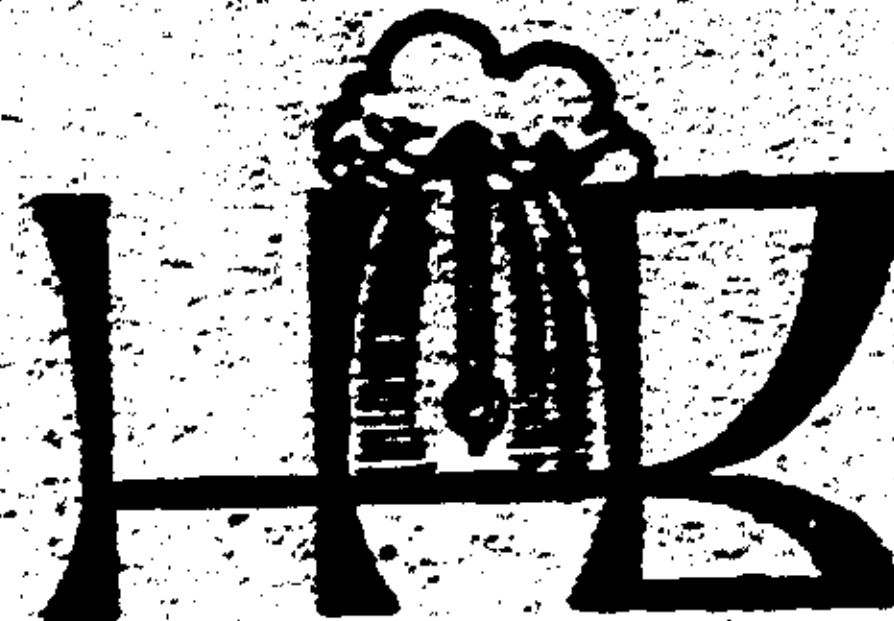
In the four finals that were decided yesterday Cambridge performances were better than those at Oxford, and the times for the heats in both hurdle races and in the half mile were better than the Oxford finals. However, it must be remembered that H. Merz was not really fit in the Oxford sports.

The honours yesterday went to O. R. Arellano, a Cuban from Zuoz (Switzerland). He won the pole vault at 9ft and then the javelin with a throw of 133ft 6in. He is a left-hander; his build is slight, but his technique very promising.

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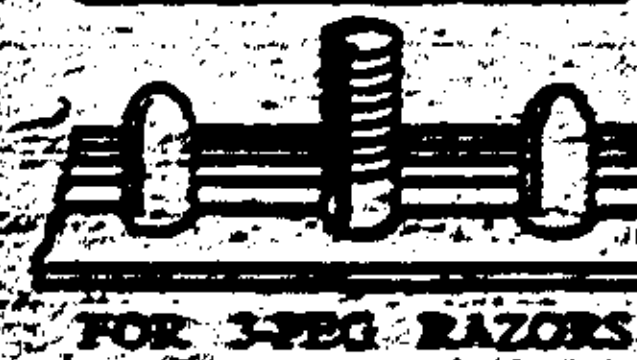
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Shanghai, To-day.

A report appearing in local morning papers, that the Shanghai branches of the four Government banks have decided to close down, is described as entirely untrue by a spokesman of the Central Bank of China.

The spokesman declared that he had received instructions from the Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung, that these banks are to continue to function here for the sole purpose of maintaining the local money market for the benefit and interest of all concerned.

He added that with the removal of the head offices of these four banks, Government business is no longer being conducted by them in Shanghai, and the only activities being carried on here are confined to maintenance of currency and ordinary business of a commercial nature.

The spokesman also remarked that the four banks would remain as long as they wanted.—Reuter.

According to reports received this morning, there was a lull along the Nanking front last night, the Japanese apparently consolidating their positions before launching further attacks on the Capital.

Very early this morning, however, the battle for Nanking was resumed with the Japanese heavy artillery going into action, supported by the air force carrying out systematic air raids.

Chinese reports deny the claim that the Japanese have reached the walls of the Capital, and add that Chinese troops are now fiercely engaging the Japanese in the Chungshanling and Chalu-kow areas.

Japanese official circles here declare themselves confident that Nanking will be occupied in the course of to-day.

Pukow is reported to be still burning, and thousands are thronging the roads leading from the danger zone.—Our Own Correspondent.

Barcelona, To-day.

It is now estimated that over 200 were killed in yesterday's air raid.—Reuter.

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DOMEI REPORT OF LONDON INTERVIEW

Tokyo, 2 p.m. To-day.

A Domei report from London states that the Ambassador, Mr. Yoshida, had an hour's conversation at the Foreign Office yesterday with Sir Alexander Cadogan, former British Ambassador in China and now Deputy Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in charge of the Far East Division of the Foreign Office.

Domei understands that Mr. Yoshida explained the present political situation in China from the Japanese viewpoint and that Sir Alexander Cadogan put numerous questions.

Mr. Yoshida afterwards stated that he gained the impression from the questions put that Britain is contemplating a new policy in the Far East.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUMOURS OF PEACE PARTY EMERGENCE CHINA CONTROL

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of regime in Nanking, with the hope that the city will capitulate unconditionally, the Japanese military allegedly not desiring to subject the city to the terrors of storming.

CABINET CONFERENCE

Meanwhile, members of the Japanese Cabinet and officialdom are very busy holding conferences and debating Japanese policy in the event.

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Secondly, overthrow of General Chiang Kai-shek and emergence of a peace at any price regime, leading to eventual conclusion of a Japanese-dictated peace.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG TROOP TRAINING

Canton, To-day.

The training of soldiers is being carried out in every district in the Province of Kwangtung, and according to an official report issued yesterday afternoon, 300,000 troops will be ready for the battlefield within a month.—Our Own Correspondent.

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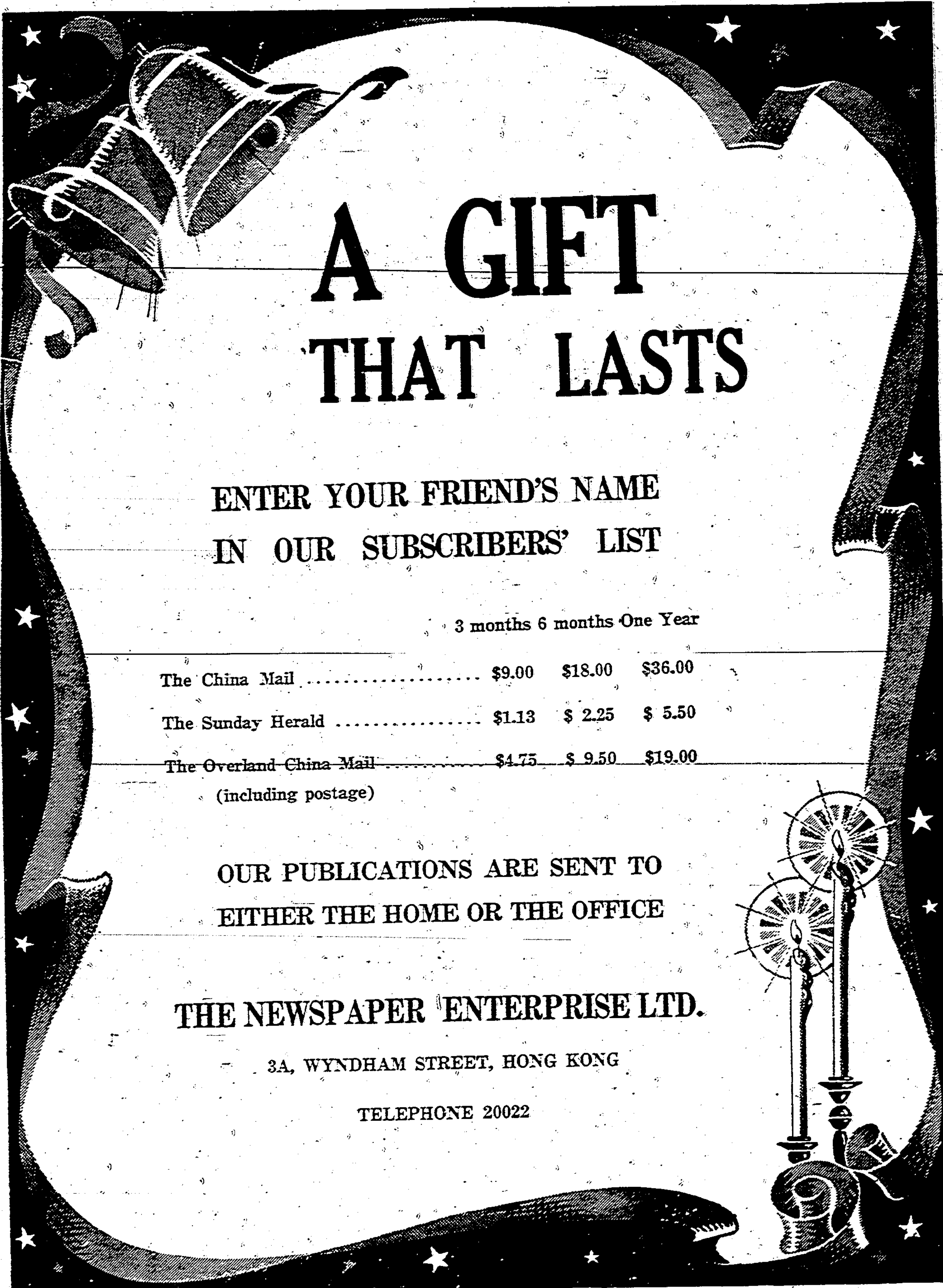
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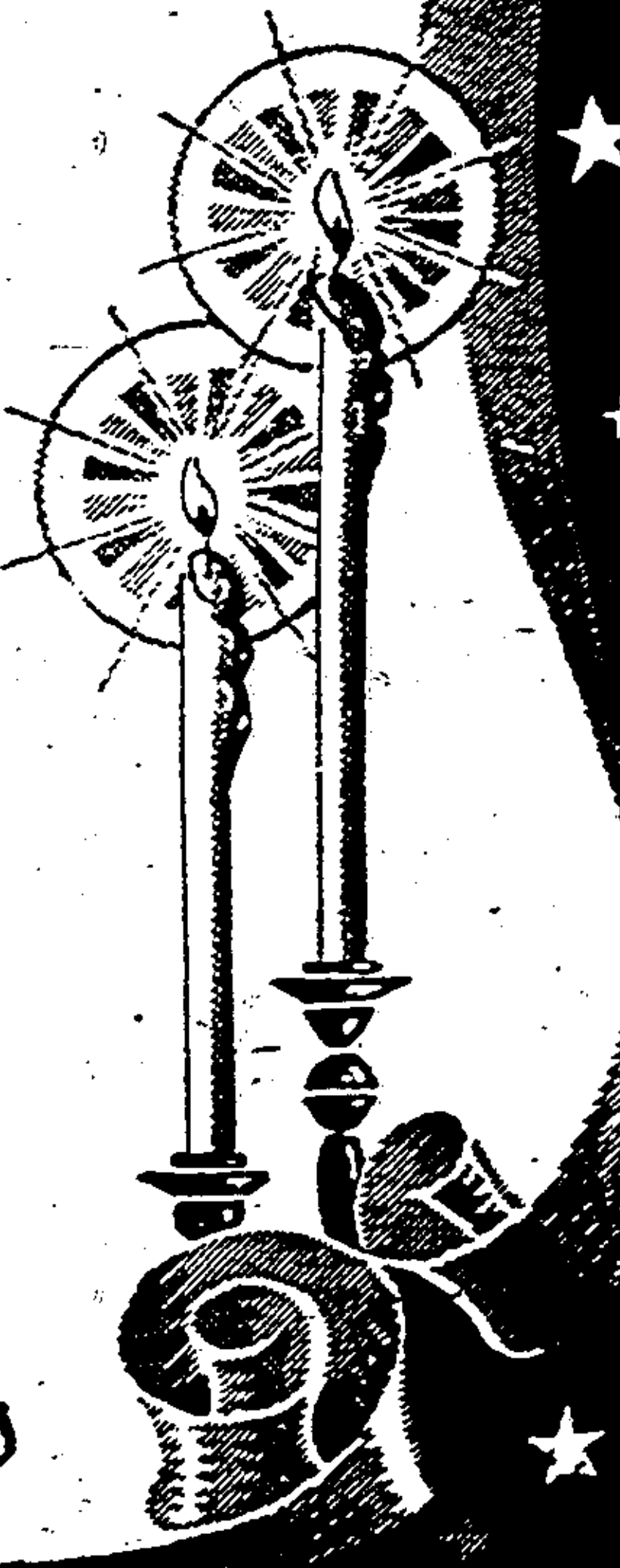
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